



NORTHWEST DISTRICT-ST LOUIS COUNCIL
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2017

1. Opening Prayer was led by Matt Medina
2. Spiritual Reading Chris Smith read a passage from a book by Frederic Ozanam regarding his devotion to Mary. Frederic died on Mary's birthday in 1853.
3. Secretary's Report - Judy Doucette (Previously approved via email) Minutes were approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: Brother Raphael Kreikemeier reported that income for year was \$93,839.99. Expenses for the same time period, \$71,128.89 (not including the homeless expenses). Homeless expenses were \$69,288.56. Income for homeless was \$62,330.17, which is \$449.91 per homeless client. Contact Brother for question regarding individual conference accounts.
5. Audits: Matt reported that 100% of the conferences have completed their audits for FY 2017.
6. Administry/New Client Reporting System: Joyce Cain and Sandy Van Mill of St Charles Borromeo Conference reported on the new database system now being used by the conference. There has been positive feedback for most of the members regarding the database. Joyce and Sandy answered questions regarding the on-going cost for the database and any difficulty using the database by the members. To find out more about Administry, go to www.administry.io Or contact Dr. Chris Willard, info@Administry.io
7. Term Limits-Six Years: Matt reminded conferences about the term limits for the office of Presidents and Treasurers. He suggested that the conferences have someone in mind who will take those offices to learn the procedures before the election next year.
8. 2017 Friends of the Poor Walk 9/30/17 Report: Chris Smith reported that there were 130 walkers plus 119 walkers from St. Joseph's. Eleven conferences participated. So far \$9500 has been raised, \$6000. raised from St. Joe's. St. Theodore's Mini Vinnie's raised \$1100. Chris needs a person to volunteer for chairperson the walk for next year 2018. He will work with them over the next year

9. NW District Membership: Matt announced that the goal for FY 2018 increase in membership is 10%. The NWD has 687 active and associate members. The NWD website has information on the Mini Vinnie's. <http://northwestsvdpstl.org>

10. CAR Reports: Reports for the 4th Quarter CAR reports are due no later than 30 days after the quarter ending.

11. Oasis Jobs for Life: Call Rick Fauser 636-248-0678 or Ron Holtmeier 636-399-0909. Goal is two referrals for each St. Charles County Conference. There are about 40 churches of various denominations involved in this program. The program provides free training, mentoring, transportation and babysitting. Classes are two times per week for a total of 16 classes.

12. Homeless Ministry Update: Lynda Atchison reported there were about 163 homeless cases helped-single, couples and families. St. Louis Council donated \$25,000.00 towards the homeless fund for the next 2 years. It was announced from the Community Council that by the end of January 2018, HUD mandated homeless help in communities. Lynda will meet with Mary Fehner regarding the homeless. Male homeless go to St. Louis for help since there is nothing available in the St. Charles area. Also Biddle House in St. Louis can help with the homeless. 1212 N 13th St, St. Louis, MO 63106 (314) 612-1675
Salvation Army can also help, but clients need to call every day to see if rooms are available. Matt announced that the cold weather alert will be forwarded to us when the weather is 20 degrees or below.

9. St. Louis Council Updates – Steve Rupp

Steve introduced John Walters (Director of Stores), Gena Bast (Director of Marketing and Communications), Tim Massey (Coordinator of Direct Assistance), Laney Lazier (Director of St. Charles Thrift Store), John Falcon (Director of Ballwin Thrift Store), and Betsey Barbieri (New St. Louis Council President).

New SL Council President, Betsey Barbieri introduced herself. She was a member of St Joseph Conference in Clayton. She is also a direct descendent one of the founders of SVdP in the United States, Bryan Mullanphy.

Steve Rupp reminded members that the supplies for SVdP Sunday can be picked up in the Thrift Stores. Parishioners will be offered a 10% discount at all the stores Nov. 3rd-5th. A packet of information regarding SVdP Sunday is available for conferences at this meeting. It also includes information on pricing and credits for the Thrift Stores, training schedules, and Council office numbers.

New Store Credit Policy: credits can buy anything. Beds for Our Neighbors program now includes pillows and sheets, and volunteers from parishes can earn credits for their conferences.

John Heithaus has information and training on bullying on the NWD website. Look for other information on the website for more training. www.svdpstltraining.com

Steve reminded conferences to work on self-assessments. Send a copy to him,

Steve Rupp stever@svdpstl.org and to Matt Medina, NWD President. Medi720@aol.com.

Steve said there are prayer cards available on Formation-Why statements to develop a culture of servanthood.

10. Next NW District Meeting – April 18, 2018, Assumption Parish in O’Fallon.

11. Special thank you to St. Robert’s for hosting this meeting and for the delicious desserts.

12. Closing Prayers -- Matt Medina led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Doucette, NWD Secretary

There were 38 Vincentians present, represented by 11 conferences, 5 St. Louis Council members, and 2 Thrift Store Directors