



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

MINUTES FOR NW DISTRICT MEETING OCTOBER 14, 2015

1. OPENING PRAYER was led by Father Banken
2. SPIRITUAL READING
Carol Fogle read quotes from Pope Francis, St. Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederic Ozanam calling for our love of God through faith and good works, serving the poor and the needy.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT
Brother Kreikemeier reviewed the financial report. Copies of the report are available for the NW District Presidents. The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.
4. SECRETARY'S REPORT
The April 8, 2015 meeting minutes (Previously e-mailed) were approved by a voice vote.
5. NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT
Paul Cook announced that Matt Medina was elected President of the Northwest District for another three years by a vote of 18-0.
6. NW DISTRICT UTILITY COORDINATOR
In Theresa's absence, Matt announced that the NW District Utility funds are depleted at this time.
7. WALK FOR THE POOR
Theresa Waddington announced that the 2015 Walk for the Poor on September 26th at Quail Ridge Park had 154 walkers. Paul Cook reported that St. Joseph's had 78 walkers. The new chairperson for 2016 is Chris Smith. A host conference is needed for next year's walk, scheduled for September 24, 2016.
8. FORMATION COMMITTEE/OZANAM TRAINING/SPIRITUAL ADVISORS-
CAROL FOGLE
A new coordinator for Ozanam training is needed for next year. The busiest time of the year is Jan/Feb. Carol will train the new coordinator and help with arranging for speakers and hosts. Power Point presentations are already developed for the training. The March 2016 training will be at St. Cletus.

9. NW DISTRICT NEW MEMBERSHIP

Matt Medina reported that in 2013, membership totals were 628 members compared to 2015, which are 733 members-an increase of 17%.

He asked for conferences to work on a 10% increase for this year by advertising in the church bulletins and signs in the narthex of our churches.

10. HOMELESS PROJECT UPDATE

Lynda Atchison thanked the conferences for their support of the homeless project. She shared some of the success stories and how the counselors walk with the families to find homes, jobs, and other support. Last year 7 families were placed; three of the families remained in housing. Lynda asked for continued support from the conferences.

11. AUDITS

Matt announced that 100% of the conferences have completed the required audit. The NW District audit is also complete. Matt asked that conferences ask the pastors to allow envelopes for SVdP in the collection. One conference has envelopes in the back of church for members to pick up and then put in collection.

12. TERM LIMITS SIX YEARS-PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS

Matt reminded conferences to begin training successors to presidents and treasurers since there are term limits of six years.

13. CAR REPORTS

Matt reminded the conferences that CAR reports are due within 30 days after the end of the quarter.

14. JOBS FOR LIFE

Forty-eight people have graduated from Jobs for Life, 15 from referrals from SVdP. Twelve people have jobs, and 3 are currently enrolled in the program. Call Bob Schrieber 636-441-3981 with referrals. The goal is two referrals for each St. Charles County Conference.

15. ST. LOUIS COUNCIL UPDATES

- Dave Winslett will be the President-elect as of Jan 5, 2016 since it will be his fifth year of a six year term.
- Dave stated that the NW District is well- organized, as Frederic Ozanam wished for an organized charity. He spoke about the spiritual side of SVdP, the intense love for Christ and those less fortunate.
- Dave announced the Nov 2, 2015 Poverty Assimilation in St. Louis meeting. Call his office for further information.

New Program Updates- Steve Rupp

- Steve announced the new CAR report form that will be used beginning with January 2016 reports. The form can be downloaded from website.
- Steve said the demographic information is very important to attract funding and for grants. At this time a universal intake form and program forms are being developed.

- Nov 8, 2016 is SVdP Sunday. He has materials for the conferences at this meeting. There is a video with talking points on the website
- Funding for 2016- new fiscal year is Oct 1. Funding needs to be raised for the prescription program, Bridges, and Beds program.
- Auto Donations- Please announce auto donations in bulletins and in narthex about tax deductions for donated vehicles. The car repair program and car program depends on funding from donations of vehicles.
- The St. Louis Council is working on recruitment, training, and retention of volunteers.
- For forms and other valuable information go to Council website: www.svdpstl.org/conferences
- John Foppe reported that John Halterman has been helping with marketing the past year and will leave the council the end of October.
- Steve Rupp introduced the newly developed marketing video about the work of SVdP.

16. NW DISTRICT WEBSITE AND TRAINING PRESENTATION

www.northwestsvdpstl.org

Matt and Chris Smith reviewed the various resources of the NW District website- forms, links to services, phone numbers, reports, minutes, FY2016 Calendar of Events and numerous other helpful information to conferences.

Training Videos are available under LINKS on the NW District Website. John Foppe's Video "Helping Neighbors Start at Home" was shown

A partial viewing of a heartfelt video by Dr. Donna Beegle was shown at the meeting about her experience growing up poor. Matt encouraged the use of training videos at meetings. They can be downloaded/ streamed from the NW District website.

Matt asked if there were any questions. Joyce Cain expressed concerns regarding the new CAR report. Their conference needs a database tool to be able to reflect the information required in the new form. Mike Halterman said that they are not ready with a database. Other conferences are working on developing a database. Conferences should do their best to complete the new form at this time.

St. Joseph stated that eBay can be used as a fund-raiser for conferences. Ebay does not require fees for not-for-profit agencies.

Chris Smith shared that their church has a children's collection at the 10:15 Mass. They have their own envelopes and bring them up to the altar.

17. NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 20, 2016 AT ST. CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH

18. THANK YOU TO ST. JOSEPH'S COTTLEVILLE FOR HOSTING THE MEETING

19. CLOSING PRAYER LED BY FATHER BANKEN.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Doucette
NW District Secretary

Note: 14 Conferences were in attendance with 33 Vincentians present. Assumption, St. Peter, and St. Barnabas conferences were absent