

St. Vincent de Paul Board Meeting
November 7, 2019

Present: Mike Bowe, Mike Nicolosi, Mary Dutton, Al Seitter, Dick Arndt and Jane Scroggins. Also in attendance was Vaughn Stewart. Absent: Debbie Moodie

The meeting was opened by praying the "Our Father".

COMPUTERS/NEW PHONES

Al reported the old phone system has been replaced with a cordless phone with three mobile units. The new computers have been switched to Spectrum and the old computer can be disposed of. Mary said she would like to have the old computer because sometimes she needs to be on the computer and she would not have to interrupt the people using the computer in the office. Al said the old computer would be connected to the wi-fi and upgraded to Windows 10. With regard to e-mail, the e-mail with Frontier will be disconnected. People will be notified of the new e-mail address and advised that the old e-mail will be stopped by a certain date.

Al also reported that Spectrum offers a hot spot service free of charge. This means that people would be able to connect to the internet from St. Vincent de Paul (within a certain distance) without knowing the password and use the internet for 30 minutes. Those using the secured account would have unlimited access. If this would become a problem, Spectrum can be notified and turn the system off. The password for St. Vincent is still the same.

SECURITY SYSTEM

Al has looked into the possibility of a keyed-entry door system. The system he looked at requires replacing the door striker and is accessed by using key fobs. The key fobs would be activated when a key is handed out. If the fob is lost or stolen, the fob could be deactivated. Jane said that whatever we do as far as keys, one person should be in charge of the keys and keep a list of who has keys. Al said it would cost approximately \$150.00 for the hardware and installation. Al said he would be willing to do the install. He is also meeting with a guy from the Dayton area regarding a system. Other security options were discussed, such as using a system which could be activated using a smart phone.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Mike B. reported the letters to the parishioners regarding donations for the Christmas baskets are ready to mail. The baskets will be packaged on Friday, December 13, in the school gym. He reported that Jeff Baldauf donated \$1,200.00 to purchase tables for this purpose. The baskets will be delivered on December 14. Food is purchased from Aldi. Jeff Baldauf is the coordinator of this project. St. Vincent prepares and sends out the donation letter and provides volunteer help in packaging and delivering baskets. Mary said that Fr. Buffer suggested using some of the middle school students in helping with the packaging.

BYLAWS

Al did more research on the bylaws for the board. Article II discusses how many people should be on the board and who would be eligible to be a member. Currently we have seven people on the Board. As to who could serve, Al suggested half of the board should be members of St. Mary's. The question was brought up why not all be from St. Mary's. It was pointed out that some of the volunteers at St. Vincent are members at Sacred Heart Church in Cardington and some are not even Catholic. The board would have to vote on members and would have the final say. Other issues were brought up as to elections, terms of office, mission statement of St. Vincent de Paul, job descriptions for board

positions, etc. Jane suggested everyone read the proposed by-laws and if there are any recommendations, this can be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER

Mike N. brought up the question of how much information should be given to Fr. Buffer regarding the actions of the Board and the workings of St. Vincent de Paul. Mary stated that she has given him a list of what services St. Vincent will and will not do. She also stated he has been supportive in the extra activities (such as the Christmas in July sale). She also stated that she always checks with him before doing certain activities, especially when it involves using the church. It was agreed that he should not hear of issues second hand and should be informed as soon as possible.

MANAGER REPORT

Mary reported that Pat Baldinger is recovering from knee surgery. The pantry has been well staffed during her absence. Through the no waste programs at Kroger and Meijer, the pantry is receiving tons of meat and this allows us to give extra meat to our clients.

The turkey distribution will be handled differently this year. We received 24 turkeys from the City and donations from other sources. The turkeys will be distributed on Monday, November 25, starting at 10:00 A.M. and will be on a first come-first serve basis. To be eligible for a turkey, the person must be registered with the food pantry and will need their photo ID. When a person arrives on Monday, they will be given a number in the order they arrive. Each person will then be allowed to enter the pantry one at a time, according to their number, and will be checked in to receive their turkey. If there are not enough turkeys for the amount of people, they will be given meat received through the No Waste programs. This way, no one will go away empty handed.

In October, 1,014 people were served, with 84 being new people.

The thrift store made \$6,380.00 during the month of October, including one day with over \$400.00 in sales.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jane reported receiving two checks from the Marion Community Foundation. One check for \$590.00 from the George and Norma Jacob Fund and a check for \$1,027.00 from new grant money. She does not have a total for the 5th Sunday collection as not all money has been received from the Church.

The Fahey Bank needs a letter from St. Vincent in order to change names on mailing and e-mail addresses and accounts. Mike has prepared a letter and with approval of Board, will sign the letter. As president, it was decided that Mike would have the authority to sign such a letter. This will be the case in future cases when such changes are needed.

Jane reported that two \$25,000 CDs are due in December. She will reinvest them into the best CD program available.

E-Bay is making between \$300.00 and \$500.00.

Income from the thrift store is steady.

ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report is due soon. Mike B. still looking at some information needed.

VOTE ON VAUGH STEWART

A vote was taken on electing Vaughn Stewart to the Board. Ayes: 6

Vaughn served 21 years in the Air Force and after retiring worked as a business manager for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He grew up in Marion, Ohio and loves to volunteer.

The meeting was closed by praying the "Glory Be."

Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Moodie
Recording Secretary