

Our Lady of the Lakes Society of Saint Vincent de Paul  
Minutes for Conference Meeting  
July 14, 2020 6:30pm on Zoom

SSVdP Mission Statement: A network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need.

**Members Present:** Karen McCabe, Ed Ritger, Jim Steffen, Rose Vander Velden, Joe Birenbaum, Pat Davis, Amanda Gronemeyer, Leon Jacoby, Stevie Ritger, Bonnie Steffen, Wayne Vander Velden

**Members Unable to Attend:** Elizabeth Jentges, Martha Nennig, Bonnie Neumann, Marilyn Sabec

**Opening Prayer/Spiritual Reading and Reflection:** Karen led the opening prayer and the spiritual reading and reflection.

**Serving in Hope Module:** Karen and Rose decided to put it on hold for this month. We will try to start in August along with the "Rule".

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from June 9<sup>th</sup> were approved. Rose will continue to send the meeting minutes by email to the members. She will mail them to Martha. Members should reply with any needed corrections or with their approval of the minutes within a week if possible.

**Membership List:** Judie Longrie asked to be taken off of the list.

**Treasurer Report:** The Sheboygan District Council purchased a printer – scanner - copier for our conference. Jim can now print the checks. Jim has several Piggly Wiggly and Kwik Trip scrip cards available. \$250 worth was purchased and we have used \$50.

During the pandemic, only one parish collection is allowed on a Sunday. If a check is written out to OLL SSVdP, the check will be given to Jim and he will deposit it. If the check is written to OLL with a SSVdP memo line, the parish will cash the check and put it in an account for us. If cash is given, the envelope needs to be marked for SSVdP or the donation will go to the general fund. Donations can be given at any time and will be processed by Terri Schueller. Karen will put something in the bulletin to make people aware that donations can be given at any time, not only on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday special collections.

Terri Schueller will let Jim know by mid-July what our balance in our account is from the May collection.

There is not a special St. Vincent de Paul option for online giving. Jim will check to see if it could be added. Envelopes won't change until next year, but for now you can check the "other" box on the green envelope and designate it for SSVdP.

There was a discussion about whether SSVdP donations are subject to archdiocesan tax. The money is supposed to be separate from the parish so it should not be. There is a separate revenue account for St. Vincent de Paul. Donations to SSVdP will be listed on your annual donation list from the parish for tax purposes.

### **Vincentians Report on Visits and Special Works Since the Last Meeting:**

- Karen was contacted by the FIN from Cedar Grove. A \$50 Piggly Wiggly gift card was mailed to her. \$200 toward her WE Energies bill was sent directly to WE energies. Jim will verify that the check was cashed by WE Energies. The no shut off of utilities has been extended.
- Jim has been in contact with the FIN from Random Lake. She has been contacting the ADRC, but she has not had personal contact with someone for help. Jim is going to ask for help from Lovey for advice on disability services.
- There have not been any new calls for help.

**Sheboygan District Council updates:** The next District meeting is July 20. Karen will attend and pass on any new information. The store is doing well.

**Old Business:** Boundaries will be coming from the District. We need to set up Bylaws and Guidelines for our home visits. We have guidelines from Shepherd of the Hills (Terry Mahler) and guidelines from St. Gregory the Great (Susie Feider). Karen will check if Blessed Trinity has guidelines that we can see. We could use the guidelines from the other groups to help us set up our own. There was a discussion about whether it is too soon for us to set our guidelines. We will make sure to fill out the record keeping forms for Home Visits. Rose will send out a copy of Shepherd of the Hills guidelines for us to think about.

**RL Interfaith Food Pantry:** They are still doing no contact pick up. No one from our group volunteered this month. They served 30 families with 3 being new and there was a slight uptick in the size of families. We have not put our poster up yet because no people are allowed in the building. Amanda will ask Matthew Brockmeier if he could print it and put it up. The pantry can use fresh produce. You can drop it off outside with an appointment.

**Business Cards, Handouts, Posters:** The help line number has been in the bulletin. Karen will put a poster up at the library. Karen shared our resource list with the FIN. Ed and Stevie will continue to work on a business card. Posters were put in the Country Harbor apartment

building. Amanda will contact the ecumenical church group about putting posters in other churches.

There was a discussion about sharing information with the Random Lake School District through the principals or school counselors. Rose will email the elementary principal, Sandy Mountain, to let her know that we are available to help with family needs. We could get things from the SVdP store.

Other suggestions for places to put posters included work places such as Lakeside Foods or Vorpahl Farms. Karen will check on Vorpahl Farms.

**Meeting Frequency:** We discussed whether we should try to do 2 meetings per month. We will revisit this idea in September.

**New Business:** There will be a Vincentian Memorial Mass on Monday July 27 at 5:30 pm Immaculate Conception Parish, Sheboygan. They would like to know who is coming. Names of Vincentians who have passed away will be read.

**Special Projects:** Do we want to take on any special projects such as a school supply drive, boot drive or shoe drive? Rose will ask Sandy Mountain if there are any needs. The Food Pantry may also have connections.

Karen led the closing prayer.

**The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30 on Zoom.** Ed will send out the link.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vander Velden, Secretary