

The hybrid meeting started at 9:15 pm with an opening prayer read by Bridget Rosen. The spiritual reading was shared by everyone present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Joann Montgomery read the minutes from March 8th. The minutes were accepted and passed as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Bridget Rosen reported that there is \$13,599.94 in the checking account.
- It was decided that we will give \$200 for rent and utility requests.
- Bridget will ask Carole to send a thank you card to the donor of a large contribution.

PANTRY REPORT:

- Steve Cline reported that the pantry is "fine." There is canned chicken and salmon available in the baskets on the table to be given out within the next 3 months. Moving the pantry food into Mercy House was discussed.

READING OF THE RULE: Barb Whalen read 1.6 - 1.7 regarding The Confederation.

REQUESTS / ASSIGNMENTS: Barb Whalen reported that all requests are "good."

COUNCIL REPORT: Bridget Rosen reported:

- Project Pride is now paying \$200.00 and only to those who have received a discount notice.
- Inga suggests that we have our "neighbors" go through Energy Assistance (EA) before we pay for large utility bills since EA might be able to pay the whole thing. EA estimates that they will have money until the middle of June. If the "neighbor" is in or goes into a disconnect situation call EA back to get put higher on the list.
- Rule reading: some skip what doesn't seem pertinent while others read everything. Barb Whalen will take on the responsibility to choose and read the rule for our meetings.
- Quorum: voting by mail seems fine.
- Safeguarding: most likely SVDP will use Virtus.
- Gas vouchers: there was a discussion of the need for proof of insurance and registration. The Council members all felt that they should not require it but a few of the conferences had conflicts. It was decided that Mark Koehn would take the issue up at the SVDP Seattle Archdiocese Council May meeting.
- Inga said that of the \$8000 grant for gas vouchers for the homeless or residents of Everett, \$2000 has been used so far. The money can also be used for Orca cards and transit tickets.
- The Council will now provide a truck to parishes for donations. They will also provide help with the promotion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Guidelines: An amendment voted on and added for distribution of funds when the treasury is low.

- Western Region series of Virtual Workshops: The recordings are available to view online: <https://www.ssvp.westernregionsa.org/regional-meetings/2023-western-region-online-assembly>
- Gasoline Cards: A discussion was held regarding verifying auto registration, insurance, and driver's licenses. A decision was tabled until after the May SVDP Archdiocese Council meeting when this issue will be discussed by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pantry Lock: The pantry was found unlocked twice since last meeting. Ensure that the latch is over the hook before locking, and be sure that the lock is completely closed before leaving.
- Scheduling Meeting Rooms for next year: Bridget requested keeping 2nd Wednesday (evenings) and last Friday (mornings) and in the Mercy House when the Mercy House is available.
- Vouchers:—Save the yellow copies. The treasurer receives a copy of the voucher with the bill at the end of the month, even if it is an e-mail request for a voucher. We no longer need to give the yellow copy to the treasurer.
- Arrangements will be made for new members to meet at Joann's for Charity Tracker learning and practice.
- The SVDP store has trucks available to pick up donations. Maureen Cline said that the CDA rummage sale is July 22 and arrangements will be made for a donation truck, along with volunteers from SPX.

Members Wants / Needs / Concerns / Suggestions: Gene Murphy shared an idea of an envelope with a McDonald gift card, bus pass, prayer card, etc. to be handed out. It was decided that this would be tabled until after we move into Mercy House or next September. After a discussion, it was requested that adult men's socks be stocked in the pantry. Colleen Whalen suggested that we set up an Amazon account so donors could donate items that we need (similar to wedding registries) and will investigate setting one up.

CLIENT REPORTS FOR SHARING: Terri Cancienne shared.

IMPORTANT DATES: (All conference meetings are hybrid for these dates)

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| • Apr 7 | NO SOCIAL (Good Friday) | | |
| • Apr 12 | Wednesday Evening Meeting | 7 pm | Parish Office/Conf. |
| • Apr 28 | Friday Morning Meeting | 8:45 am | Fireside Room |
| • May 5 | Friday Social | 8:45 am | Social Hall |

The meeting ended at 10:45 pm with a Closing Prayer.

Members in Attendance: Terri Cancienne, Steve & Maureen Cline, Gina Cohen, Ellie Lombard, Joann Montgomery, Gene Murphy, Bridget Rosen, Barb and Colleen Whalen

Signed: Joann Montgomery
Secretary