

The zoom meeting started shortly after 10 am 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 Sept. 13th. The minutes were passed as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carole Marshall reported that the checking account balance is \$860.
 - Carole stated that no checks will be written until after Monday's count is deposited.
 - Uncashed and outdated checks were discussed.
 - People who request help will be called back by a volunteer, and asked to call the assistance line back next week if they still need help. This will be revisited on Monday.

READING OF THE RULE: Barb Whalen read from page 51 regarding Conference/Councils and Their Work

PANTRY REPORT:

- Steve Cline reported that he has been straightening the pantry.
- The Mercy House lock will be changed on the inside door to the pantry to match the SVDP keys to the outside door.
- After the inside door to the pantry is secured (most likely Tuesday 10/3), Barb will move the gift cards, Orca cards, and the Commuter Transit certificates to the pantry.
- The missing/stolen cases of meat and fish was discussed.
- No names or confidential information is to be entered into the food distribution book.
- There will be no tours in the pantry without an SVDP member present.

REQUESTS / ASSIGNMENTS: Barb Whalen reported that there were currently 5 pending/open requests

COUNCIL MEETING:

- Inga reported that they are purchasing a new style of bed that is easier to transport, more comfortable, less expensive, and more readily available.
- It will take a few more weeks before the new Safeguarding processes are ready. If you are current in the St. Pius Virtus program, you might be able to get your qualifications transferred to the SVDP system.
- The Annual Luncheon will be April 6th at St. Mary Magdalene's
- The Thrift stores are picking up donated furniture, depending on the amount and quality. Some wear is expected. The furniture is selling fast and more furniture is needed.

BUSINESS:

- Thanksgiving/Christmas Planning:
 - It was agreed that we would accept 30 basket requests for each holiday.
 - WinCo cards: Last year we gave out \$25 for large families, \$15 for small families. We will wait until closer to the distribution date 11/18 to decide for this year. Inflation will be considered.

- Menu – Steve agreed to prepare & submit a list of needed food for the baskets so that we can create flyers for the bulletins, Flocknotes, and for the school children.
- Bill Whalen offered to provide pies and Barb will provide the boxes.
- Commuter Certificates are available, and Maureen Cline offered to pick them up from the Council Office
- Mercy House:
 - Grand Opening scheduled for Nov. 19th. The Archbishop will be attending.
 - Log-in Pantry Book – No names are to be entered for confidentiality. Only initials
- Pulpit Talk: Maureen volunteered to give the pulpit talk. She will talk to Nancy about a date. Bridget will send her the annual statistics, and some client reports for the talk.
- School Prayer Requests: Notify Bridget of suggestions. Please note the details in Charity Tracker
- Safe Environment: Bridget will e-mail the papers to everyone.
- Annual report is due at the end of October.
- We have a volunteer from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton who can help us with Spanish speaking clients. Call Bridget if you need this help.
- Holders to remind us after we are able to meet in the Mercy House Building:
 - Amazon Registry – Colleen Whalen
 - Selling envelopes for the homeless

Members Wants / Needs / Concerns / Suggestions: Family advocates at the school district may be able to help their families with rent.

IMPORTANT DATES: (All conference meetings are hybrid for these dates--**Socials are not hybrid**)

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| ● Oct 6 | Friday Social | 8:45 am | Social Hall |
| ● Oct 11 | Wednesday Evening Meeting | 7 pm | Office Conf. Room |
| ● Oct 17 | Friday Morning Meeting | 8:45 am | Fireside Room |

The meeting ended at 11:20 am with a Closing Prayer.

In Attendance: Steve & Maureen Cline, Gina Cohen, Carole Marshall, Joann Montgomery, Peggy Phares, Bridget Rosen, and Barb Whalen

Signed: Joann Montgomery
Secretary