

The hybrid meeting started shortly after 9 am with an opening prayer read by Bridget Rosen. (WIFI is not available in Mercy House at this time.) The spiritual reading was shared by everyone present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Joann Montgomery read the minutes from Sept. 11th. The minutes were passed as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carole Marshall reported that the checking account balance is \$4,732.58

READING OF THE RULE: Barb Whalen read from page 58, Statute 8, regarding Visits to the Poor.

PANTRY REPORT: Steve Cline took the past-use-date food to the food bank, and he updated us on the increased prices of specific groceries he purchases for our pantry. Steve talked to the Asst. Executive Director of Concern for Neighbors Food Bank and he will be meeting with him. The food bank offered to provide food for our pantry.

REQUESTS / ASSIGNMENTS: Barb Whalen reported that all the requests were current.

COUNCIL REPORT: Bridget Rosen reported:

- There was talk about doing more for Justice. Aldo suggested that we sign up for action alerts from Voice of the Poor. Here is the link to subscribe for notifications.
<https://votervoices.net/SVDPUSA/home>
- Inga reached out to a former donor who called back and gave \$50,000 for the bed program.
- There will be two Top Hat awards (one event). One for Vincentians, and one for someone, or an organization outside of SVDP.
- The overnight parking for women with children living in cars at the SVDP Monroe Resource Center got the go ahead and will open soon. There will be funding (not sure from whom) for help to get these women into an apartment.
- Save Environment process is taking longer to setup than expected. Holy Rosary will be enrolled in Virtus first and after the bugs are worked out, the rest of the conferences in our council will be enrolled.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Thanksgiving/Christmas Planning:
 - Distribution will be from the Multi-Purpose Room of Mercy House. Basket preparation was discussed for the 30 baskets. Steve said that he would begin purchasing groceries as they become available at the best prices.
- Commuter checks (certificates for ORCA): Barb & Colleen Whalen picked them up and they are in the pantry. Bridget reminded everyone to notify her, or Carole, when we are down to a couple of sheets or 10 gift cards. The Blue Book with gift cards and ORCA script is on the shelf on the west wall.
- Pulpit Talk: Nov. 4th and 5th. Maureen will be presenting. Tables will be setup at the doors with SVDP information. Volunteers are needed to staff the tables after each mass.
- Mercy House: The Mercy House Potluck has been canceled.
 - Fr. Cal announced that if we are available, we should all attend the Dedication and Blessing by the Archbishop on Wednesday, approx. at 10:30 am, November 29th.

- Fr. Cal said that coffee and donuts will be served after mass from Mercy House on Nov. 19th. The pantry will be locked and SVDP volunteers are needed after each mass.
- Inga Paige was asked and she accepted to be on Mercy House's Advisory Committee.
- Safe Environment: Joann Montgomery is collecting information for the council. Please check your e-mail.
- Holders to remind us after we are able to meet in the Mercy House Building:
 - Amazon Registry – Colleen Whalen. It was clarified that specific item/brands and amounts will be on the registry. Once the amount has been reached, it drops off the registry.
 - Selling envelopes for the homeless

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

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| ● Nov 3 | Friday Social | 8:45 am | Social Hall |
| ● Nov 4 & 5 | Recruitment after each mass | | Church |
| ● Nov 8 | Wednesday Evening Meeting | 7 pm | TBD |
| ● Nov 18 | Prep and distribution of baskets | 8 am | Mercy House |
| ● Nov 19 | Mercy House open for viewing after mass. Volunteers are needed | | |
| ● Nov 29 | <u>Dedication & Blessing of Mercy House.</u> (After 9 am mass & after the school blessing, ie: 10-10:30 am) | | |
| ● Nov 24 | NO MEETING | | |
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| ● Dec 1 | Friday Social | 8:45 am | Social Hall |
| ● Dec 13 | Wednesday Evening Meeting | 7 pm | TBD |
| ● Dec 15 | Prepare for Christmas basket distribution | | |
| ● Dec 16 | Christmas basket distribution | | |
| ● Dec 29 | NO MEETING | | |

The meeting ended after 10:30 am with a Closing Prayer.

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

Signed: Joann Montgomery
Secretary