



Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
Queen of Peace Conference  
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Monday, October 18 – 2:00 p.m.  
Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Ann Baumer  
The meeting was called to order at 2:01. 19 members were present. The sign-in sheet will be filed with the agenda, minutes, and handouts.
- II. Opening Prayer/Vincentian Reflection – John Beasley opened with the Lord's Prayer. He was recently visiting in Flagstaff with his wife and encountered with the Hopi Tribe. John read from the letter of John 25. The focus was with the priest saying "the Lord be with you" and our response is: "And also with you" - or "And with your spirit".
- III. Approval of Prior Minutes (emailed 10/10/21) – Lupe Hernandez  
The minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting were approved by consensus. It was suggested that from here on out, when you receive the minutes via e-mail, you read them and respond by e-mail with any corrections or additions. This will help cut down on meeting discussions.
- IV. Standing Business (see reverse of this agenda)
  - A. Treasurer's Report (and passing of the Secret Collection bag) – Mary Bolig  
passed out a copy of the reconciled September statement. The current balance for client use is \$12,300.00. It is posted on the dry erase board each time it changes.
  - B. Committee Updates (PLEASE let your Team Contact know when you can't make it)
    1. Call Team – Mary Lou Rivera reported she spoke with her team to clarify how things are supposed to be done. She placed her name and number in the pantry office and at the front desk so if there's any question, she's only a phone call away. She will continue to keep tabs especially with the holidays coming up.
    2. Delivery Team – Frank Hernandez reported everything is going well. All delivery days are covered. The Monday team makes plenty of boxes to cover Tuesday and Monday night deliveries.
    3. Hospitality Committee – Lupe Hernandez will be chairing this committee and will ask for assistance from time to time. If you are willing to help, please contact her.
    4. Pantry Team – Tracey Clark and her Monday team are readying for the Food Drive. She will make a list so she can present it on a slide projector when she speaks about the Food Drive.
    5. Food Pickup Team – Lacho Macias has Tacho assisting while he's on vacation.
    6. Cleaning Team – Bob Weidner has donated the shelves in the broom closet. Chris cleans on Monday, Bob on Wednesday, there's a mother/daughter team on Fridays and Ana cleans on Saturday. Per VSS, safety is vital, so mark your temps on the sign-in sheet and please wear masks and gloves for the food pantry.

7. ServWare Team – Ann Baumer is assisted by Mary Lou and Mary Kay. Sharon and Mark's arrival has been pushed back and won't return until November.

- C. Spanish Volunteers' Meeting – Ana Vera reported several questions that were asked at the Sunday meeting. New meeting days/hours will begin in November. They will meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Room 4 at 10:30. A new couple came to their meeting and signed up to help on Mondays. They are Iliana Hernandez and Refugio Vargas.

V. Unfinished Business

- A. Fall Food Drive begins this weekend. We have Speakers for all Masses, including Ana Vera who will speak at the 4 pm mass.  
Dates for the **Food Drive - Oct. 23/24 to hand out bags. Oct. 30/31 – Collect Food and transport to Pantry.**  
A copy of **the BRICKS** on "Proper Use of Donated Items" was handed out. Please review it.  
Jay moved that our regular meetings be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10:00 am, with the proviso that after being seconded, the discussion and vote be postponed for 2 weeks, so that those members not in attendance can be alerted to the proposed change of time for our regular meetings.  
Jay also moved that \$10.00 from the Secret Collection be placed in the general fund for snacks. Ana suggested that since Bricks states no food donated be consumed by volunteers, they provide their own snacks and place them in the white refrigerator.
- B. Christmas Fundraisers/Raffles – Sara Valdez brought 3 Advent wreaths – one large to be raffled, 2 small to sell. She also brought 2 hanging nativity wreaths and they will be for sale. Replacement candles for previous advent wreaths sold will also be available for sale in addition to nativity magnets. Bilingual color books were passed around and was suggested we sell them, as well as put them into food boxes during December for families with children. Doris moved/Frank seconded to buy 200 color books. A date will be set where any volunteer/Vincentian that wants to help make the wreaths will be welcome.
- C. Badges (who needs one?) – Ann Baumer suggested that all Home Delivery Teams wear badges showing who they are. Several different ideas were suggested.

VI. New Business

- A. Time and Day for Meetings Going Forward. One idea proposed was to purchase headsets for interpretation. Jay made a motion which was mentioned under Unfinished Business.
- B. Turkeys for Thanksgiving – with the sale of Bashas to another food store, we are still waiting for Council to make a decision. We have been advised that each Conference will receive \$2,000 in Bashas' gift cards to be used in lieu of turkeys. We are hopeful for turkey donations which will also be handled as last year, with Conferences responsible to pick up and utilize donated turkeys from their respective assigned stores. Conference presidents are encouraged to visit store managers. There will be more details following regarding Turkey Tuesday.

C. Adopt-A-Family – This is a fulltime project. Doris and Jay Kilroy have been in charge of this project in the past. They will not be participating in it this year, but if anyone is interested in heading it, please contact Ann or Doris/Jay.

VI. Updates

A. October 14, 2021 District 9 Meeting (see report) – Ann Baumer has been keeping track of all our Conference accomplishments, such as Food, Finances, Hours and Miles. Those attending New Officer Training were: Ann and Nicholas. OFE Training was attended by Ann, Nicholas, Chris and Wesley. Ann Baumer and Gingy attended the Spirituality Class.

VII. Closing Prayer – John Beasley led us all in prayer

Spirituality – Please remember that you are invited to pray the Vincentian Chaplet every Friday at 4:00 pm at the pantry. People fill out prayer petitions and are placed in a SVDP Petition Box at the back of the church. We pray for those petitions as well as our own. Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you even if its once a month. Thank you.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:44 pm

Snacks and Fellowship (The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly)

Cookies and Trail Mix were served as was coffee and water.

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 2 pm in the Welcome Center.**

**Spanish Meeting: Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 am in Room #4**

For October 1 - 17:

55 Home Deliveries: 177 people helped

3 Pantry Pickups: 15 people helped

Food boxes – 46 distributed

Rent: 8 families	\$1,666.00
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Utilities: 8 families	\$1,280.13
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Other – 3 bed vouchers	<u>\$600.00</u>
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<b>Total to date:</b>	<b>\$3,546.13</b>
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Submitted by Lupe Hernandez – 10/22/21