

ST. VINCENT dePAUL SOCIETY
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING
Minutes of Meeting of October 21,
2007

The meeting, held at St. Ambrose parish, was opened with prayer led by Father William Koester of St. Ambrose. President Joe Komadina distributed some general information on the St. Vincent DePaul Society and guidelines for conferences.

Sister Annalee Faherty gave the spiritual meditation based on the Society legacy—person-to-person help offered in charity, that is, to find, see, and serve Jesus in the person of the poor. She emphasized seeing Jesus in the poor, and of being Jesus for them.

The minutes were presented for approval and were unanimously approved.

Joe reported that there is approximately \$8,000.00 in the treasury, \$2,000.00 having been deposited since June. This represented a brief summary of the treasurer's report called in by Tom Stanton, who was unable to be present.

Joe called on any new members to identify themselves and there was one new president present.

Revised by-laws had been sent to everyone, and Joe asked for a vote to approve them as written. A roll call vote was taken and all conferences represented voted in favor; therefore, the new by-laws are accepted.

Joe announced that an election of district president will be held at the April meeting, with the electee assuming duties at the October meeting in 2008. Jim Irving was nominated by Paul Kohl, and Roy Mauer was nominated by Tom Stanton. Nominations will remain open for 60 days. Don Smith of St. Michael, Jack Hodge of St. Anselm and Jane McLaughlin of Ascension will serve on the election committee.

Tim Cloutier of St. Cronan gave a presentation on selling Christmas cookies to raise money for the conferences. Not only is money raised by a sale like this, but so is awareness in the parish of the works of the conference. He also spoke on a program to get credits on electric and gas bills, and on the Missouri "Circuit Breaker" tax credits available; and he brought forms for anyone interested in pursuing this for clients.

Ron, a representative of Beverly Hills Pharmacy, spoke on how elderly and underprivileged clients can be helped with prescription costs. Beverly Hills Pharmacy will help conferences work through the paper work to obtain all the help available and will deliver the prescriptions. Ron Guz announced that the St. Vincent DePaul Society is working to establish a medication program which will be available to help our clients, too.

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Jim Kelly, of St. Cronan's, proposed that the St. Vincent DePaul Society make available on their website, a current comprehensive resource guide, constantly updated, to aid conferences in locating programs and agencies that would be useful to their clients. Declan Duffy spoke on behalf of the Central Office about their efforts in this direction.

After a break for fellowship and refreshments, the meeting resumed with a presentation by

Zip Rzeppa, the Executive Director of the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Louis. He spoke of the success of the sale of Christmas CDs last year and introduced the 2007 CD with new Christmas music from different choirs around the St. Louis Archdiocese. They will be offered again to the conferences as a fund raising tool with greater profits for the conferences possible. He then spoke on an up-coming movie, "Bella", which is being highly recommended by the Archdiocese. The Central Office has purchased vouchers to be used the weekends of October 26 and November 2, which can be sold by the conferences to parishioners at a discount, and the conference will be able to keep all the proceeds. Unsold vouchers should be returned to the Central Office so they can obtain a refund for them. There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer led by Sister Annalee.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane McLaughlin, Secretary

Conferences represented: Annunciation, Ascension, Christ Prince of Peace, Cathedral, St. Ambrose,

St. Anselm, St. Clare of Assisi, St. Clement, St. Cronan, St. Gerard Majella,
St. James the Greater, St. Joseph, St. Margaret of Scotland, and St. Peter