

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT MEETING
Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, April 16, 2008

President Joe Komadina called the meeting, to order. The meeting was held at Sacred Heart Conference, Eureka. Pat Bellrose, President of Sacred Heart's SVDP Conference welcomed everyone and Father Alex Anderson, Pastor of Sacred Heart, led the opening prayer.

Joe Komadina gave the spiritual meditation in the absence of Sr. Annalee Faherty. He quoted from an article that raised the question of - Are we enabling or helping our clients? How much does our assistance help keep the people we serve in their current situation, and could we better implement self-help systems that would help our clients to help themselves. The minutes of the October 11, 2007 were presented for approval and were unanimously approved.

Joe asked new members to identify themselves. There were two new presidents present, Dave Brown of St. Alban Roe Parish and Steve Wiederkehr of St. Vincent de Paul Parish. Tom Stanton gave the Treasurer's report: Expenditures from October 2007 – April 16, 2008 were \$4,349. Our current balance is \$16,993 and anticipated additional income for May through December 2008 is \$8,000. Joe encouraged conferences to ask for funds if there is a need by the conferences..

South Central District presidential candidates, Roy Maurer and Jim Irving, were introduced. The Nominating Committee then left the room to count the election ballots.

Presentation on Discount Pharmacy Program – Information packets and sample application forms for the SVDP Prescription Program were distributed. Marcia England of Express Scripts gave the presentation on the St. Vincent DePaul Prescription Plan and explained the Rx Outreach application and how to fill out the application form. Ms. England stated application form packets and mailing envelopes were available for conference representatives to take home with them

Business

Don Fitzpatrick asked if the First Step Program to help people find employment should be re-established. It was stated that the reason the program was dropped is that the State of Missouri provides the same help at a cheaper cost and First Step duplicated the State's efforts. Joe Komadina said he had set up a free website for employment help but needed help with improving the web site. \$100 was approved to have Joe change the domain and upgrade the web site.

Glen Curran, St. Luke's will investigate renewing the Bette Day Annual Award for Outstanding Service at district level. This award has not been given for a couple of years. Monthly Reports. Pat Bellrose, Sacred Heart, Eureka, asked if the Monthly Conference Reports could be simplified. Some of the information asked for on Client Case Records is awkward to gather and difficult to compile. Declan Duffy of the Central Office stated that the information collected from the Monthly Conference Report is very important. The information is used for obtaining funds from the United Way and for Grant writing Conference Reports

Bob Weissert Of Christ Prince of Peace stated Greg Marino of the Good

Works Program had spoken to their council about the program, which helps senior citizens with the upkeep of their homes. He thinks Good Works is a worthy program and recommended conferences have Greg Marino speak at their conference meetings.

Joe introduced Tim Massey from the Central Office. Tim is in charge of Energy Assistance and Cars for a Cause.

Zip Rzeppa reminded members of upcoming events. The Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection is Saturday, April 19 at St. Francis Xavier Church beginning with mass at 9:00 a.m. The SVDP Mid-Year Meeting will be April 26. There will be an Anniversary Mass at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Cathedral. Dinner will follow at the Millennium Hotel. Cost for the dinner is \$35. Please call the SVDP Council Office for dinner reservations.

Results of the election were announced. Roy Mauer is the new District President. Roy thanked Sacred Heart for their hospitality and the members present for the big turnout at the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer led by President Roy Mauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Finkes
Acting Secretary

Conferences represented: Annunciation, Ascension, Christ Prince of Peace, Holy Infant, Mary Queen of Peace, Old Cathedral, Sacred Heart, Eureka, Sacred Heart, VP, St. Alban Roe, St. Anselm, St. Claire of Assisi, St. Clement, St. Cronan, St. Gerard Majella, St. James, St. Joseph, St. Luke, St. Margaret, St. Mary Magdalen, St. Michael, St. Vincent DePaul