

Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Des Moines Council
Quarterly Breakfast Meeting Minutes
Sunday, July 13, 2014, St. Ambrose Cathedral

Following the 8:30AM mass celebrated by our Council Spiritual Advisor, Fr. John Bertogli, we had a delicious breakfast catered by HyVee and served by the Knights of Columbus volunteers. Thank you to the Knight of Columbus for all of their help in putting this on, with special thanks to Bud Kephart. And thank you Father John for arranging singers from Drake as a special feature for our celebration. They sounded great, and joined us for breakfast.

Father John said breakfast grace.

President Jim Wachuta called the meeting to order with an opening prayer.

Jim mentioned that this meeting commemorated the Council's 90th Anniversary and welcomed the special honorees, past council presidents Don Lamberti, Virginia Klemm, Larry Schmitz, and Chuck Korte, and their guests.

Roll call was taken, 49 Vincentians and guests from 12 Conferences were present. They were as follows:

All Saints 6, Basilica of St. John 0, Christ the King 1, Holy Trinity 3, Our Lady's Immaculate Heart 11, Sacred Heart 8, St. Ambrose 3, St. Anthony 4, St. Augustin 0, St. Elizabeth Seton 2, St. Joseph 1, St. Mary of Nazareth 1, St. Patrick 0, Our Lady of the Americas 0, St. Pius 0, St. Theresa 1, Store Employees 9 (includes 3 counted with conferences also).

Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the last Quarterly Breakfast Meeting on April 27, 2014, at St. Elizabeth Seton, Carlisle, IA were read and reviewed. There was a motion to approve and a motion to second. There was no discussion. Motion accepted and passed.

Financial Report: Chris Korte, Treasurer, provided the 3rd Quarter 2014 Financial Treasurer's Report:

9 months results as of June 30, 2014
3rd Quarter 2014 Financial Report
St. Ambrose Cathedral

Store Financials

> 9 months 6th Ave. store sales were \$438,609 through June 30, down 9% when compared to same 9 months - 2013. Monthly budget is \$52,500, June sales \$50,068. 9 months Store West sales were \$112,244. Monthly budget is \$22,500. June sales \$12,306.

> Bag & Rag sales of \$71,377 for the 9 months, down 20% when compared to same 9 months - 2013. Monthly budget is \$9,333, June sales \$34.

> 9 months 6th Ave. store expenses were \$384,970 down 4% when compared to same 9 months 2013. Monthly budget is \$42,052, June expenses \$39,454. 9 months Store West expenses were \$161,498. Monthly budget is \$21,743. June expenses \$14,954.

> 9 months 6th Ave. store wages were \$249,551, down 13% when compared to same 9 months 2013. Monthly budget is \$28,104, June wages were \$26,123. 9 months Store West wages were \$112,244. Monthly budget is \$13,589. June wages were \$7,472.

> 9 months 6th Ave. store Operating Income \$123,940, down 28% when compared to same 9 months 2013. Monthly budget is \$19,782, June income was \$10,614. 9 month Store West operating loss (\$49,254). Monthly budget for income is \$3,757. June loss was (\$2648).

District Council

> 3rd Quarter revenues, \$262,003, up 176% when compared to same 9 months 2013, 3rd Quarter expenses of (\$287,609), up 25% from same 9 months 2013, operating losses (\$25,606) down 81% when compared to same 9 months 2013. Capital Campaign receipts \$64,303 year to date.

> Literacy Center - Revenue year to date \$90,065, up 188% when compared to same 9 months 2013. 3rd Quarter expenses of \$69,773, down 7% from same 9 months 2013. Monthly expense budget is \$9,070, June expenses were \$4,059.

> 3rd Qtr. Charity \$92,413, up 22% when compared to same 9 months 2013. Monthly budget is \$10,000/month, June charity was \$10,242.

>9 months Capital Campaign at \$63,303, 114% above budget when compared to same 9 months 2013

Combined Operation

Combined operation before investment gain shows a 9 month net gain of \$69,372 up from (\$6,580) same 9 months 2013. Investments are up \$104,140 since September 2013.

Other Financials

Checking account \$140,997, money market \$113,203
Investments \$948,014, up 12% since September 2013.
Current assets at \$1,460,341 total assets at \$2,884,647.

Executive Director Report: Eric Woolson provided this report.

Social Services: Eric provided copies and an explanation of the JUNE 2014 CLIENTS SERVED REPORT, attached.

Stores Report: He also provided a stores update and mentioned that he is seeking to get a waiver on the restriction from selling furniture at the 63rd Street store. We are getting great donations at that site but the city code forbids the sale of furniture in a building without a sprinkler system.

Education Center Report: Eric mentioned the new HiSet (formerly GED) course that will be offered in August at our Tom Varilek Education Center, with childcare and mentors being made available to the students. Childcare issues are traditionally a stumbling block to parents needing this course. So far 6 students and 6 mentors are lined up. Additional mentors are needed.

Eric had the attending store employees stand and be recognized for their work – Mary, Patrick, Joyce, Pat, Jamie, Chasity, John, Jessica and Darsi. Eric also mentioned the need for volunteers for our 63rd Street store.

Eric commented about researching the history of our Council for this celebration but could find little documented history in the files other than some photos. He attributed this to the “forward-looking” focus of this organization.

Friends of the Poor Walk Committee – Moe Kauzlarich - The WALK (run or disc golf) will be Sunday, September 28 at Pete Crivaro Park. There will be hotdogs and drinks provided. Please bring a dish to pass. T-shirts available. Can sign up on-line or using the tri-fold handout provided at the tables. There will be a live band (“The Authority” – Jim Wachuta’s classic rock and blues band). Handouts with event information, walker and volunteer signup sheets, and posters were passed out at each table. More information will be provided to the Conference Presidents in the future for sharing with members and to attract participation.

New Youth Conference Formation – Father John Bertogli announced to the group that he is actively forming a SVdP Youth Conference at Dowling which he hopes will be in place by the fall. The Executive Director and President are working with Father John in this formation process.

Christ our Life Conference – Jim Wachuta announced that our Council will be sponsoring a booth at the upcoming Christ Our Life Conference, to be held at Wells Fargo Arena, Des Moines, IA September 20-21, 2014. The new SVdP table cloth and banner were displayed at the breakfast and were purchased to have on hand for use at our booth. He mentioned that six (6) free passes to the event are available for volunteers who man the booth. A call for volunteers resulted in about 4 volunteers offering to help.

Discussion/Sharing:

No discussion or sharing.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO PAST COUNCIL PRESIDENTS – In commemoration of our Council’s 90th Anniversary Year celebration, Jim Wachuta provided comments about the history of the Society internationally, nationally and locally. He spoke of the call to servant leadership as one travels the Vincentian journey and recognized the four past council presidents present as examples of the dedication and leadership so many Vincentians exhibit continuously. The four past council presidents recognized, DON LAMBERTI, president from 1992-95; VIRGINIA KLEMM, 1995-1998 and 2001-2002; LARRY SCHMITZ, 1998-2001; and CHUCK KORTE, 2002-2008, represent over 120 years of Vincentian service and various servant leadership roles. They were each presented a PAST PRESIDENT lapel pin and an acrylic SVdP Service Award with their names inscribed, and thanked for their many years of service to the Society and the folks we serve. Photos were taken.

NEXT QUARTERLY BREAKFAST: Will be held at Our Lady’s Immaculate Heart, Ankeny, IA on October 12, 2014 at the 9:00AM mass.

Motion to Adjourn – There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded. Motion passed.

Closing Prayer – Father John

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Wachuta
Council President