

St. Vincent de Paul

Meeting Minutes

August 12, 2026

Scott Stafford, president, called the meeting to order.

Opening prayer was led by Randy Walker.

Scott introduced our guest speaker, Laura Fuller, who represented Catholic Charities. A video of all the various services that Catholic Charities provides was viewed by all. A short question and answer period ensued. Laura left pamphlets of these services for us to share and these are located in the St. Vincent de Paul cabinet. The pamphlets are very informative for those who could not hear her talk.

Randy W. led the reflection which was based on the feast of the Assumption of Mary and considered the historical evidence of her Assumption in honor of this year's feast day on August 22.

We welcomed two new members who were in attendance- Patty Lindebak and Kim Hartwell. We are happy to welcome you and hope you find out how you can best serve our cause of helping the poor.

Each month's minutes can be viewed on the St. Vincent de Paul web site from the St. Catherine of Sienna web page.

Amy James gave an update of the many home visits that were made in July. Twelve families or individuals were helped, with four of those needing assistance with rent. Names were added to the Helping Hands board

Friends of Friends in the Park was held on August 9 on a very warm day. There were around 100 neighbors that received a meal and hygiene products. Thanks to all who sign up and bring food items and to those who help in the park. Due to the hot weather, everyone enjoyed Julie and Jennifer's tub of ice with wash clothes to cool off with. Thanks ladies!

Thanks to everyone who brought a bottle of conditioner to the meeting to be shared with our neighbors visited by the Home Visit Team.

Ron went over the treasurer's report, identifying our income for the month and how our funds were distributed for the month of July. Donations continue to match the monthly outflow of funds. Thanks to all who donate either their time or money for this worthy cause.

Scott gave reference to the article on the agenda handout talking about the relationship the Society has with Church Hierarchy. This information is from the “Rule of the Society of the St. Vincent de Paul”. Scott plans to continue to share excerpts from this book with members at each meeting. St. Vincent de Paul wrote “Love your Rule and keep it as the road which God intends to lead you to Himself”.

Scott extended an invitation to anyone who might be interested in shadowing a Home Visit or being trained to carry the Home Visit phone. Please let Scott know if you are interested in either of these or would like to know more.

Jim Ernstman, our SVdP council president, gave an update of his meeting with Bishop Kemme. Jim shared with him that donations are up and there is a steady need for assistance. Each parish SVdP Society can now request a grant of \$6,000 once a year.

Schedule of events-

1. In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi, the Annual SVdP Spiritual Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 19th at St. Francis Catholic Church. It will begin with mass at 8:00 am and end around 2:00 pm. A light breakfast and lunch will be served. Please RSVP to Katy in the office. This retreat is free.
2. The weekend of September 12 and 13- Parish Ministry Fair. We will need two volunteers after each Mass. This is the same weekend we will be having our monthly Friends of Friends in the Park, September 13th.
3. Pitch for the Poor, January 30, 2027. Stay tuned for more information.

Scott reported that there has been no word yet as to the Seminarians’ participation with SVdP. Scott also addressed the need for prayers for several members of our SVdP community.

Please continue to offer a personal invitation to people/parishioners we know to join the SVdP ministry.

Closing prayer was led by Randy W.

32 members in attendance.

