

ST. VINCENT de PAUL MINUTES

July 8, 2026

Scott Stafford called the meeting to order.

Randy W. led the reflection by discussing the Corporal Works of Mercy in the Spirit of St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul teaches that charity must be practical, immediate, and tender. Every act of mercy is an act of seeing Christ in the poor.

Introductions were made of new members who were in attendance. They were Mary Harmon and Debbie Mouser. We are happy to welcome you and hope you find 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.

Our next Friends of Friends in the park is this Sunday, July 12th. Thanks to all who sign up and bring food items and to those who help in the park. We continue to assist 80-120 people each month with a meal and hygiene products.

Please bring a bottle of dish soap to our next meeting to share with neighbors we see in their homes.

Ron went over the treasurer's report, identifying our income for the month and how our funds were distributed for the month of June. Jim E. discussed how the different conference funds varied from conference to conference and how we could possibly help other conferences. Home visit teams city wide are being stressed with burn out and lack of funding. We need to extend an invitation to anyone and everyone to become involved in their local St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Julie reported that the number of home visits in June showed a steady need with 11 neighbors assisted. She continued to extend an invitation to anyone wanting to experience what our home visit team does and to shadow a visit. Anyone interested can call our SVdP home visit phone at {316}617-6377.

We will have a guest speaker from Harbour House at our August 12th meeting. Harbour House provides safety, support and resources for survivors of domestic violence.

Under old business, SCOS/SVdP is a summer distribution site for area students. These students will be able to come twice a month on Mondays from 5-7pm. The remaining dates are July 6th and 20th, and August 3rd. The distribution takes place at the south entrance by the parish office {outside}.

Randy W., Marilyn, and Scott are working on updating the SVdP web site. There have been many suggestions for this site, and we appreciate the input of everyone.

The HOT Team presentation from our June meeting was video recorded. The HOT Team resource sheet is also available in our Home Visit Resource file. A suggestion was made to make this resource sheet available wherever we serve the poor- Friends of Friends in the park and the bags we have available for distribution to the homeless on the streets.

Jennifer S. has two SVdP shirts left. They are medium and large sizes and are available for \$25.

Seminarians in training may be joining us in August for the ensuing 4 months. Their goal is to see how we help the poor and to learn more about SVdP Society. Please make them feel welcome.

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

Randy W. led the group in the closing prayer.

