

**Society of St. Vincent DePaul  
Board of Directors Special Meeting  
March 21, 2024, 4-5:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

**Presiding: Carole Johnson, President**

**1. Attendance:**

**Voting members present or participating virtually included: Jeanette Aubuchon, Judy Belford, Melynie Blackshear, R.B. Clark, Ellen Harshman, Ruth Klenke, Dave Little, Paul Lodewyck, Rene Lorio, Kenneth Patterson, John Stephan, Brenda Vanderford**

**Non voting member present- Carole Johnson, Father Dan Thiess**

**Voting members absent: Yolanda Diaz, Mary Murphy, Christine Novalis, Bernie Sammons, Russ Struttmann, Clay Whitener**

**Quorum present: yes**

**2. Welcoming Remarks - Carole Johnson**

**Melynie Blackshear was introduced and welcomed as the newly elected Mid Central District President and Board member.**

**3. Opening Prayer- Father Dan Theiss**

**4. Single Agenda Item-**

**Approval of letter to District Presidents and Conference Presidents to update STL SVDP current financial status.**

- **There was one question for clarification.**
- **There was one comment.**
- **The letter was approved by consensus.**
- **There was a discussion to develop a short list of anticipated questions with a list of consistent answers. Paul Lodewyck will send the clarified approved letter along with the questions to all Board members the next day (03/22/24). The letter should then be shared with Conference and District Presidents.**

**5. Other**

- **An email was sent to Board members (03/19/24) informing them that John Foppe's medical leave has been extended four weeks.**
- **The Robert Half Employee Recruitment Agency has been contracted. The agency sent a list of Finance Director candidates. Candidates have been interviewed. More information will be in the weekly financial update report.**
- **The Credit Empowerment Pilot Program will expire on April 1, 2024. After discussion, the Board members decided to hold a call meeting 4pm March 25, 2024 for the purpose of gaining more information about the operations of the program and desirability to expand the program through a Board Resolution. The Resolution would (1) Expand the program for two years. (2) Maintain the \$40,000 BDF funding at Midwest Bank Center (3) Maintain the MOU and service agreement with MBC. (4) Expand the program to all STL SVDP District conferences.**

**8. Closing prayer – Father Dan Theiss**

**The Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.**

**Next Board Meeting- 4pm Monday, March 25, 2024**