



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Council Board Meeting – Minutes February 15, 2024, 3:30-4:15 p.m.

Presiding: Carole Johnson, President

1. Attendance:

- Voting members present or participating virtually included: Carole Johnson, Lyle Gilbertson, Jeanette Aubuchon, Dave Little, Mary Murphy, John Stephan, Russ Struttman, Clay Whitener, Ruth Klenke, Rene Lorio, R. B. Clark III, Christine Novalis, Judy Belford, Brenda Vanderford, and Ellen Harshman.
- Voting members absent: Meg Huber, Bernie Sammons, Yolanda Diaz, Kenneth Patterson
- SVdP staff present: Julie Komanetsky, Steve Poppe, Jason Coleman (Acting Director of Finance)
- Guests: Paul Lodewyck (Governance Committee Member), Jennifer Chickey (BlueSummit Consulting)
- Quorum present: Yes

2. Welcoming Remarks and prayer – Carole Johnson

- Carole thanked everyone for attending this very important special meeting and read a prayer on servant leadership.

3. Resolution regarding accounting staff – Julie and Jason

- Julie gave a brief update on John Foppe – he was released from the hospital on Friday, has begun rehab. and is anxious to get back to work.
- She then provided an overview of the resolution and the situation in accounting, stressing that the situation is gradually getting better (“the clouds are breaking up”).
- Jason provided an overview of accounting workload. Several recent developments (expiration of QuickBooks license, a bank freezing SVdP bank accounts due to a compliance issue, requirement to issue 1099’s for conference disbursements) have consumed a lot of time and jeopardized the goal of providing unaudited financials for FY23 and the 1st 3 months of FY24 for the April Board meeting. This is the reason for the proposed resolution to add accounting staff.
- After some discussion of the proposed resolution and the approach for hiring a Director of Finance and accounting staff, changes were proposed to the resolution and a motion to approve the revised resolution was made, seconded and approved by consensus..

The Meeting adjourned at 4:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by John Stephan, Board Secretary