

# **VOICE OF THE POOR MEETING MINUTES**

**May 13, 2010**

**St Francis Xavier Parish Center**

**4715 North Central Ave.**

**8:30 AM**

## **Attending:**

Lucy Howell, Ron Meyer, Inge Casey, Julie Douglas, Kathy Jorgensen, Debbie Di Carlo, Tom Klein & Frank Barrios.

## **Opening Prayer:**

Julie Douglas chaired the meeting and also led us in an opening prayer. She chose a short reading that was used at their District 6 meeting in May, which included that each member in attendance gave a short statement about their faith & how it affects their service with St. Vincent De Paul.

## **Old Business:**

Lucy Howell explained that although State funding for Kids Care and AHCCCS had previously been eliminated, the state funding was reinstated because of potential loss of federal funding.

Ron Meyer spoke about legal concerns with SB 1070 and indicated that until we know how the new law will be implemented, we need to be cautious on what we tell our clients and other Vincentians. Lucy Howell has written a letter for Joe Riley's signature and presented it to the Executive Board of St Vincent De Paul. Joe Riley wanted to make changes and the letter was not yet ready for distribution.

## **New Business:**

Kathy Jorgensen spoke about a "Contact List" which she has developed and was looking for review and comments.

We discussed providing articles for the Newsletter and who might be the speaker for a workshop at St. Germaine's in Prescott Valley. Julie volunteered to speak to St. Germaine's and will contact the conference.

We also discussed the upcoming Western Regional meeting to be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Orange County Ca. near Anaheim. Lucy and Ron will be attending and both will make a VOP presentation. We were asked if anyone else would be attending.

A couple in a Sun City conference have quit over St Vincent De Paul's Voice of the Poor activity, specifically opposition to SB1070. Patricia Metrick responded to the conference with a summary of The Rule as related to Voice of the Poor. It was also pointed out that the Arizona Catholic Conference opposed SB 1070.

Frank Barrios agreed to serve as Secretary of VOP and to keep the minutes.

No definitive decisions were made as to the summer schedule but we tentatively agreed to meet on the second Thursday of each month and set the next meeting for June 10, 2010 at 8:30 AM @

St Francis Xavier, Parish Meeting Room.

**Other:**

Inge wanted to know if any of us would like to be included in an E-Mail from a group that opposes the State's Death Penalty.

**Closing Prayer:**

Julie read from the closing prayer that was used at their District 6 meeting in May.