

St. Luke's Men's Club

General Meeting of the St. Luke's Men's Club

August 18, 2014

The General Meeting of the St. Luke's Men's Club was called to order at 7:05 PM by Mike Raign, President.

Chaplain Larry Fuentes, led the members with a prayer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Adolfo Moncivaiz.

New guests were introduced by Mike Raign, President:

Michael De Leon

Antonio Fernandez

Gary Schmitt

Steve Dupnik

President Mike Raign asked for all July and August birthday members to come up to the front. 14 members came to the front and were given a strip of raffle tickets. The rest of the members sang happy birthday to them.

President Mike Raign recognized the cooking team and asked that they come out of the kitchen to be introduced to the general membership.

Pres. Mike Raign asked the club members if there were any objections to the minutes of the July meeting. There were no objections, therefore, the minutes were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Joey Groff. Paul Bowen requested that the membership consider purchasing new tires for all the barbecue pit trailers. He stated that just moving and rearranging the barbecue pits caused a blowout. After checking all tires on all pits he decided all needed replacing. Rico Silvas made a motion, seconded by Judge Mike Mery, that the Treasurer's report be accepted and monies be spent to purchase new tires for all barbecue pits. Motion carried.

Club correspondence was presented by Secretary Gilbert Ortiz. He stated that the Club has received many "thank you" letters from the charities who received donations at the Sharing of Gifts ceremony in July 2014. These thank you letters are available for review by the general membership.

REPORTS of APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

Budget and Finance: Larry Ridder offered no report.

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes had no report.

Inventory Control: Rico Silvas announced that the club would have its annual steak dinner at the October General Meeting. The costs will be \$10 in advance and \$15 on the day of the meeting.

Procurement: Russell Phillips reiterated that he had received a call from Paul Bowen stating that the tires on the barbecue pits needed to be replaced. Russell Phillips suggested this issue be brought up at the general meeting.

Membership: Todd Shannon stated that the club has 259 members total. Of the total membership, 45 members are lifetime members. Further, 14 members are being mailed postcards to remind them of the meeting.

REPORTS of STANDING COMMITTEES:

Benevolence Committee: Ralph Meneses explained it to the membership how donations work and how we handle out of cycle requests for donations. He also brought up the issue of Mike English, a seminarian who is at St. Luke's Parish, and that Father Jim Barlow had asked for assistance for the seminarian. Ralph Meneses stated that we have assisted seminarians at St. Luke's in the past and asked club members to approve a stipend for Mike English. A motion was made by Marvin Berg and seconded by Robert Camacho. The membership approved that the club provide \$100 per month for one year for seminarian Mike English.

Webmasters-Committee Chairman John Hardin, With Committee Members James Benavides, Joey Groff and Todd Shannon:

John Hardin announced to the membership that he has updated the Club's web page and he has also added family football night. He told us that Todd Shannon is redesigning the web site and he, John Hardin, will continue to update the web site.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields updated the membership on William "Bill" Cooper's condition stating that Cooper is now at home recovering from his July 28 surgery to remove his cancerous bladder, prostate and lymphnodes. Wallie Fields also updated the membership on Diane Keller, spouse of David Keller stating that she continues to battle bone cancer. Wallie Fields also updated the membership on the wife of Russell Phillips, Pam Phillips, who is suffering from Alzheimer's disease and that her situation is getting worse. Wallie Fields also stated that club member Ricardo Ruiz lost his father and to keep him in our prayers. The condition of other members, Charlie Cilfone, age 94; Charlie Eckert, age 86; Lou Davis, age 71; and former club member Larry Medrano, age 85, were also mentioned by Wallie Fields. Wallie thanked Nat Chavez for informing him of Larry Medrano's situation.

Entertainment:

1) Don O'Brien and Duffy Bowen spoke about the 12th annual Dove Hunt which is to be held September 6, 2014. A flier was handed out to all membership asking that anyone who is interested to sign up.

2) UTSA Football and Tailgate: Steve Kelly announced that he has a great deal for club members

for the UTSA versus UT El Paso game which will be held October 25, 2014. Tickets for adults are \$20. We will have lower level seats. The tailgate party will begin at 4 PM and will be at the East parking lot of the Alamodome. Fliers are available on the St. Luke's Men's Club website.

Public Relations: Stephen Chavez is working with James Benavides on the details of announcing the new officers.

Wild Game Dinner 2015: Don O'Brien had no report at this time.

REPORTS of SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Scholarship: RC Contreras had no report.

Nominations: Terry Sparrow had no report.

Audit: Paul Biever had no report.

REPORTS of AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon had no report

SOG Dinner: Matt Mora thanked those who helped at the Sharing of Gifts program in July 2014. He also gave a condensed budget report stating that the club spent \$1,586 for the catered dinner from Outback Steakhouse. Other expenditures amounted to \$1,275.75.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Rico Silvas spoke about the Archdiocese, Season of Welcome. He stated that on Saturday, September 13, 2014 at the 5:30 PM Mass, the club would provide hot dogs, chips and sodas. Further, on Sunday, September 14, 2014, the club will also provide hotdogs, chips and sodas to the congregation. This will be a donation from the club. The club is not looking to make any money from this event. He talked about handling the drinks this year because last year another organization handled the soft drinks and did not have sufficient drinks for everyone. Further, Rico Silvas stated that on October 19, 2014, St. Luke's will have its Parish Festival and the St. Luke's Men's Club will cook the meat for this event but made it clear that the club would not buy the meat.

Mike Raign announced to the membership that Father Jim Barlow asked that St. Luke's Men's Club sponsor a dinner for the seminarians. This is going to be handled by David Keller.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three items were discussed under new business: 1) Saint Luke Ministries Fair on September 13 and 14 (Rico Silvas will be in charge of this); 2) Seminarian Dinner with Father Jim Barlow, a date to be announced; 3) Fall Festival on October 19, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

None

President Mike Raign announced the raffle and John Martinez announced the winners of the raffle. There were six winners. 1) Todd Shannon; 2) John Donnellan; 3) Terry Sparrow; 4) Pat Biroc; 5) Manuel Cosmea; and 6) Steve Dupnik.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Motion was made by Russell Phillips and seconded by Terry Sparrow.

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the membership in the closing prayer.