

St. Luke Catholic Men's Club
General Membership Meeting Agenda
Monday, FEBRUARY 16, 2015 at 7 PM
St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Michael Raign called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Elizandro De Los Santos.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Jim Kelly introduced himself. He is a graduate of Texas A&M and is presently employed as an engineer at Southwest Research Institute.

BIRTHDAYS (JANUARY): Several individuals walked up and stood before the membership to be recognized for their February birthdays. The oldest: Jerry Schneider (79 years old). The youngest: Robert Quiroga (33 years old). Members sang happy birthday to them and they were each given raffle tickets by John Martinez.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Rico Silvas introduced the cooking team; Sean Silvas, Paul Aleman, Chris Torres, Russell Phillips, Eddie Cruz, Matt Mora, Rudy Martinez, Paul Bowen, Bert Jimenez, Patrick Davenport, Peter Brinkley and Martin Garcia who brought the apple pies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented. There were no corrections or deletions.

TREASURER'S REPORT Joey Groff apologize for not providing copies of the treasures report tonight. He asked that anyone who is interested to see him and he will show you the report. Groff summarized the report stating that we had expenses for the seminarian dinner, basic income and expenses for the meal.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Gilbert Ortiz stated that there was nothing new on correspondence.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

Budget and Finance: Larry Ridder stated that he had no report.

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes stated that he received an email from Fink Cigars reminding him that tomorrow is fat Tuesday. He also wanted to remind the membership that on March 13, 2015 the men's club will be hosting the Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM and asked that there be a good turnout.

Inventory Control: Rico Silvas stated that he had no report

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that we purchased new tires for the grill pit.

Membership: Todd Shannon stated that we have 265 total members, two new members, 46 lifetime members, 13 mail out members and 65 unpaid members. Shannon asked that any member who has not paid to see him.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia stated that the Executive Board has approved improvement to the website by way of a Content Management System (CMS) which will allow the chairs from all the committees to input information directly into the website. This in other words will provide you with more information instead of going through a web master. That is the purpose of the content management system. But I would like to ask those of you who are here tonight, how many members actually use or consult with the website. He asked for a show hands, which he received. He further stated that for those individuals who do not take advantage of going to the website, specially as we tried to improve the content on the website, how will it benefit you. Therefore we are looking at developing this in the next few months and we will keep you posted on what developments we have and we will keep you posted for your own benefit. If you have any ideas for us that you would like to see on our website and how you can use it, please let us know or contact anyone on the executive board, the officers, or any of the chairs so we can have your input and we are very appreciative of what you can provide for us.

Web Master: No report

Christian Services: Wallie Fields stated that Will Esperon had bypass surgery on January 20, 2015 but he is now at home recuperating and doing well. He also stated that we had a newlywed among us, Robert Quiroga Junior. Joe Piña's mom was released from the hospital today and is at a rehab center now.

Public Relations: Mike Raign stated that we still have an opening and announced that if anyone was interested to let him know.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses was not in attendance tonight. RC Contreras presented a report for Ralf and stated that the benevolence committee received a request for \$250 to support the Spanish Choir Valentines dance which was Saturday.

Wild Game Dinner 2015: Don O'Brien stated that there are 19 days before the wild game dinner. He stated that we have had about 2 to 3 months of real good planning. But now he stated we are into the execution stage. He said that all of the planning is great but now this is where what happens matters. He stated that we had a pit cleaning crew two weeks ago and had a good turnout. He pointed out that Russell was in charge of it and that our equipment is in good shape and asked Russell if he had a list of those who helped out. Russell mentioned that we had many individuals and announced those who helped: Rudy Martinez, Gilbert Gonzales, Terry Sparrow, Rico Silvas, Eddie Cruz, Rick Hite, Paul Bowen, Don O'Brien, Larry Ritter, Peter Rangel, Gilbert Ortiz and himself. Russell said that we now have a pressure washer and it helped quite a bit and we were done fairly quickly cleaning the pits. Russell Phillips also mentioned that the sausage making gathering will be this weekend and Mike Lutz has talked to

his crew and if there is any chance of rain we have an alternative place for sausage making. Don O'Brien complimented Russell Phillips and Matt Mora for all they do because it makes his job a lot easier. He stated that tomorrow night there is a walk-through meeting for all those that are not involved with food, serving line or beverages. On Thursday, February 19, 2015 there will be a meeting for those involved in food, serving line and beverages. These meetings will be held at 7 o'clock at the parish center. Don mentioned that the meetings were design to bring up any issues and that Friday or Saturday morning before the wild game dinner was not the time to bring up any issues.

For those individuals who are working at the wild game dinner, wristbands will be handed out Friday night to all committee chairs so that each worker can be provided with a wristband either Friday night or Saturday morning. Also workers will be fed well. Friday night we will have a spaghetti dinner, breakfast Saturday morning and also lunch. There will also be plenty of drinks. He also stated that we had to remember about parking and that we had a crew, including security, to handle parking. He asked all members to park across the street at the IRS building so that the parking at the church would be reserved for paying guest.

Augie Delacruz mentioned that this year there will be a separate 53 card raffle solely for the workers. This year there will be two guns to raffle and you do not have to be present to win because when you purchase one card your name and phone number will be placed on it. The raffle will take place on Saturday afternoon. If we find out that the two decks for the volunteer workers sell out very quickly, we will have a third deck that will be sold only for the volunteers. He stated that either he or Rick Hite will be the persons to contact to buy a card at \$20 each for the gun raffle.

Don mentioned that at this time Brett Ingram has three tables left that still have not sold. Brett assured Don that he could sell those tables and that it will not be a problem to sell them. Concerning Big Buck Tickets, Don asked that if anyone took tickets to sell to turn in their money to Joey. Don thanked everyone involved. Felipe Gonzales asked for volunteers to sell raffle tickets at the wild game dinner. He needs approximately eight more salesman.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: R. C. Contreras stated that he talked to the principal's assistant and if you have children at St. Luke's Catholic school, you will receive a packet from the men's club to make an application for a scholarship. He stated that the packet has a lot of instructions and basically the process includes each applying student to turn in an essays on April 1, 2015 then the

committee will come up with a list of approximately 5 names that will be presented to the school. Mike Raign asked RC how many people were in the committee. He stated that only he and Larry Fuentes make up the committee at this time however RC wants to ask two other individuals to join the committee.

Audit: There was no report.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon stated that the club has new style caps, shirts and pins and if anyone wants to check out the inventory items they can see him.

Seminarian Dinner: David Keller gave his final report on this event stating that the dinner was held Friday evening, January 30, 2015. We had 31 seminarians, two priests from the seminary, also our deacon from the church, 10 volunteers from the club which assisted with the presentation of the food and the reception. David thanked all that were involved for their efforts. He stated that Father Jim was very appreciative and sent a communication to the president of the club. He stated that our budget was \$450 and we spent \$459 and some change.

Strategic Planning-2015: James Benavides stated that we are closing in on the strategic planning session. Some of you have expressed interest and I want to get some of the younger guys in on this committee. The basics are, where are we now and where are we going to be in five years, and where are we going to be in 10 years. Is the club the same it was 50 years ago. These are the kinds of questions we want to ask ourselves. The curriculum is pretty much completed at this point. I have also asked David Keller for his assistance. Further, I'm looking for a location and I have a couple of phone calls out to individuals hoping that we can find a place. We also hope to come up with good ideas for the future of the club as a result of this meeting. In line with what James stated, Pres. Mike Raign asked for some of the older members to step up so we can get an idea where we came from and where we are going in the future. In other words, how did we get started and in what direction are we going for the future.

Bylaws Revision Committee: this committee is comprised of Mike Raign, Don O'Brien, David Keller and Ralf Meneses and will begin meeting after the wild game dinner.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

Announcements for the Good of the Club:

Matt Mora stated that he wanted to recognize some of the committee members who have been working very hard at prize acquisition. Alfredo Avila, Joe Piña, Don O'Brien, Carlos Garza who brought in a Hog Hunt which is a full 100% donation which equates to 100% profit on our end. Orland Garcia is another person to thank.

Ben Olenick stated that in the last 15 to 20 years he has been a sponsor for a seminarian in India. He asked to briefly read a Christmas letter he received from the seminarian. The letter stated in part that he wished the club be showered with blessings and that our desires and needs be fulfilled. This young man has been sponsored for the last seven years, possibly eight years. The seminarian stated that he is in good health and that he has completed his geological studies and has received the ordination as a deacon and if everything goes according to God's plan, he will be ordained as a priest after Easter. This is the second person from this seminary that we have sponsored. Hopefully, he will let me know where he is sent after ordination and we will keep in communication with him.

Mike Raigh stated that he wanted to recognize a member of the club who he and his wife were selected by the archdiocese for an award, (which is Latin for "Light of Nations") which goes to Homer and Sue Fetzer for their many accomplishments to include Habitat for Humanity building 14 homes. They also began the Crown Financial Ministry and are Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and lead Communion services at the parish and in convalescent homes. They have been married for 60 years and are models of the sacramental life of marriage. They receive this award at St. Dominic church on February 2, 2015. Congratulations to Homer and Sue Fetzer.

Raffle: John Martinez spearheaded the raffle tonight and was assisted by George Delgado. The winners are as follows:

Ticket Number 1: JUAN HUERTA

Ticket Number Two: STEVE DUPNICK

Ticket Number Three: AGUIE DE LA CRUZ, MIKE PEREZ

Ticket Number Four: LOREN BROWN, ART GARCIA

Ticket Number Five: AUGIE DE LA CRUZ, LORN BROWN

Ticket Number Six: LARRY RIDDER, LOREN BROWN, FELIPE GONZALES

Ticket Number Seven: HOMER FETZER, ELIZANDRO DE LOS SANTOS, FELIPE GONZALES

Ticket Number Eight: DON O'BRIEN, JOE PIÑA, STEVE KELLY

Ticket Number Nine: LOU DAVIS, CARMELO RIVAS, PATRICK DAVENPORT

Motion To Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Wood. The motion was seconded by John Donnellan. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Closing Prayer: Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the membership in the closing prayer.