St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 at 7 PM

St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Vice President James Benavides called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 405, Troop Master is Ino Badillo.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Bill Kramez and Nick Flores introduced themselves to the membership and stated they are joining the club.

BIRTHDAYS (July and August): Several individuals stood before the membership to be recognized for their September birthdays. The oldest is Richard Zamora who is 84 years old. The youngest is 52 years old, Luis Hernandez. Members sang happy birthday to them and they were each given raffle tickets.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Mike Raign introduced the cooking team led by Ino Badillo, Troop Master for Troop 405, and Art Garcia the committee chairperson for Troop 405 which has a total of 38 members, 30 who are active members today. Also, head cook is John Coronado who is the area supervisor for McDonald’s. Mike Raign thanked all the parents of the Troop and pledged the Club’s continued support of Troop 405.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe E. Groff gave his report stating that the club is solvent.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Sec. Gilbert Ortiz gave a brief overview of the correspondence that was received. Gilbert stated that we received an invitation to the Mi Casa Gala. We also received bills that were turned over to Joey Groff.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

Budget and Finance: Larry Ridder stated that he had the Capital Campaign check and Mike Raign stated that he would present this check to Father Jim. The amount of the check is $31,967.22.

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes stated that on November 16, 2015, the Club will have its annual Thanksgiving mass at 6:30 PM. He also stated that he has two tickets for the UTSA football game and if anyone was interested he will make them a good deal.

Inventory Control: Rico was not present and Mike Raign stated that he spoke to Rico and Rico had no report.

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that there was no report.

Membership: Todd Shannon stated that there were 260 members present, four of them are new member and 44 are lifetime members. Todd reminded that this month is renewal month and to see him about renewing membership for the year.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia stated that he had no report. Mike Raign infored that the Club is working with a bidder to switch our present website to a Content Management System website and as things develop the Club will be kept advised.

Web master: Committee Chairman John Hardin was not present and there was no report.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields stated that for our deceased member, Wally De La Cruz, there will be a mass on Sunday October 4, 2015, at the 11:30 AM mass. Also, for deceased member John Paul “Jack” Riegel, Jr. there will be a mass on Sunday, October 25, 2015, at 11:30 AM mass. Further, Wallie stated that he would visit Zeike Escamilla later this week.

Entertainment: Steve Kelly reported that everything is set for the tail gate party and at the present time he has tickets available that some buyers could not use and anyone interested can see him. He stated that there will be brisket, sausage, potato salad, other trimmings, beer and other things. Steve announced that 42 people purchased tickets to go to the game.

DOVE HUNT: Augie De La Cruz announced that he and Rick Hite organized the dove hunt, but there were others who assisted. The real guys in the trenches were Russell Phillips and Terry Sparrow. On the cooking team were Rico Silvas and Paul Bowen. He stated that 59 individuals attended. In view of the number of individuals that attended this year, plans for next year are to find a larger place to accommodate all the dove hunters. Also, Steve Kelly had set up the skeet shoot machine and there were several winners on the skeet competition. Todd Shannon and Joey Groff were on-site to facilitate the handling of the money. Eddie Cruz was big on ticket sales for the raffle. The winner of the Beretta shotgun was Andrew Martinez. The Mossberg shotgun was won by David Hidalgo. Winners of other raffle items were announced to Club members.

Public Relations: Tony Paniagua stated that: the fall Festival is on October 18, 2015; they expect to sell 900 tickets; we will again do the cooking for the fall Festival; and the menu will include chicken and sausage. Tony stated that he will put out a sign-up sheet for those who what to volunteer and explained the different job categories that will be available. He asked that volunteers be available at 7 AM in the morning to start the fire in the pits.

The other event will be Stewardship Sunday which will be November 15, 2015. The Club will be cooking both hamburgers and hot dogs on this day. He again stated that there would be sheet for those who want to volunteer to help with the cooking and other things that have to be done. Serving time for this day will be 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses stated that we had no out-of-cycle requests for donations. He also mentioned that there were numerous thank you notes and letters from charities that we gave money to on the table up front for anyone who wanted to review them. Also there is a list of all the charities that the Club gave money to and how much was given to each charity. Anyone that wants to review them may do so.

SHARING OF GIFTS BANQUET: Matthew Mora stated that the Club had another successful Sharing of Gifts Banquet. He recognized those individuals that assisted him in making the banquet a success. He also recognized Todd Shannon, Rico Silvas, Russell Phillips, Tony Paniagua, Alfredo Avila, James Benavides, Ralf Meneses, Joey Groff, Duffy Bowen and Wilfredo Esperon. He also recognized Pres. Mike Raign for doing an outstanding and professional job. Matt made sure that the membership understood that the Club does not make a profit and in fact the Club goes into the negative with this event. He mentioned that the Club is $1,559 in the negative this year.

Wild Game Dinner 2016: Matt Mora announced that he has accepted the chairmanship of the Wild Game Dinner for 2016 and 2017. He also pointed out to Club members that should anything happen to him and he is unable to continue being Wild Game Dinner chairman, there are others who have a lot of experience who can step in and act as Wild Game chairman. Matt introduced Mike Lutz who is the newest member of the Wild Game Dinner committee. He also introduced Russell Phillips as another member of the committee. Matt also asked the membership for their help in making the next Wild Game Dinner a success.

Matt also mentioned that the dinner dance event will be held on December 12, 201, and asked the Club members to look forward to attending this event. He mentioned that the hall, band and the caterer have all been secured.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: Out Of Cycle

Lifetime Members: Out of cycle.

Audit: Out of cycle.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon stated that there is a limited quantity of aprons and caps and if anyone needs one to see him.

Strategic Planning: James Benavides mentioned that the Executive Board had a meeting in August and stated that the monitor at the strategic planning meeting was Robert Sheldon who is present at this meeting tonight. Bob was given a gift card from Academy and a St. Luke’s Men’s Club logo shirt. James mentioned that times are changing and the Club needs to keep up with the changing times. Based on the strategic planning meeting that was held and on Bob’s input there is now a specific timeline to get certain things done. Additionally, there are specific measurable goals. He stated that of the 216 members in the Club more than 100 individuals are 70 and above in age. Further, about the same number are 50 years old and above. He made it clear that if the Club does not push to get younger members, we may have no one to pick up and continue our traditions. James also discussed the possibility of following our meetings with social time such as watching Monday night football or basketball. Another possibility would be to revive the game of poker after the meetings. He also brought up the possibility that the Club could sponsor a 5K run and try to make money with an event like this. Also, one of the ideas that came out of the meeting was to create a Club calendar. He also asked the Club that in the next year, 2016, we should strive to recruit 5 new members between the ages of 35 and 55. He stated that he would keep membership advised of accomplishments that are made by the Club.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Raign stated that Russell Phillips told him that there is a new sausage-making team and that Mike Lutz will be filling in for John Eisenmenger. Lutz stated that last year the crew met at his parents’ property and approximately 25 people showed up to make sausage.

Announcements for the Good of the Club:

James Benavides announced that the Institute of Texan Cultures will have another free day coming up on September 26, 2015, for those who are interested in attending.

Joey Groff announced that his sister’s poster was selected by the Fiesta Committee to be the official poster of the 2016 Fiesta. This poster will be printed on most items that are sold or displayed as part of Fiesta.

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

First ticket: Tony Paniagua

Second ticket: Terry Sparrow

Third ticket: Art Garcia

Fourth ticket: Robert Olivares

Fifth ticket: Larry Ridder

Six Ticket: Manual Ibarra

Seven Ticket: Roy Cazares

Motion To Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Fred Wood. The motion was seconded by Terry Sparrow. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.

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