St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 16, 2015 at 7:45 PM

St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Mike Raign called the meeting to order at 7:45 PM.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was led by Father Jim Barlow.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Colonnino.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Tom Becker, Damien Ivory and Robert Martinez were welcomed as guest and possible new members.

BIRTHDAYS (NOVEMBER): Several individuals walked up and stood before the membership to be recognized for their November birthdays. The oldest: John McCauley who is 92 years old. The youngest: Paul Bowen is 49 years old. Members sang happy birthday to them and they were each given raffle tickets.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Mike Lutz introduced the cooking team as follows: Ben Olenick, John Eisenmenger, David Keller, Benny De Los Santos, Homer Fetzer, John Donnellan and Elizandro De Los Santos.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe E. Groff was not present at the meeting tonight but will have a treasurer’s report next month.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Sec. Gilbert Ortiz gave a brief overview of the correspondence that was received.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

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

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes stated that at today’s Thanksgiving Mass the Club recognized those members that have passed away. Those recognized were Tom Franke Junior, Charles J. Chacon, Pete Ramirez III, Wally De La Cruz, and Jack Riegel. He also wanted to recognize Paul Bowen for whom the Club prayed for a speedy recovery and he is here tonight. A moment of silence was observed for the individuals who were killed in the Paris, France massacre by terrorist. Larry also mentioned that Father Jim asked that the leadership of this club be passed on to our sons or grandsons because they will have a difficult time in the future. Larry surmised that Father Jim was referring to the terrorist situation around the world.

Inventory Control: Rico Silvas stated that he had a few items to report. He mentioned that at the Executive Board meeting he reported that there was an order of checks missing from Frost Bank but he checked with the bank and the check order was finally recovered. In addition, Sam’s membership for the men’s Club was renewed. Also, he needs to visit with Restaurant Depot to deliver to them the tax exempt letter from the church.

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that he had no report.

Membership: Todd Shannon stated that we have 268 members total, six new member, 44 lifetime members, 15 mail out members and 128 unpaid members. He urged those that have not paid to do so.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia had no report. Mike Raign stated that Henry Garcia has been after him to sign the CMS contract and stated that he would get this out this week.

Web master: Committee Chairman John Hardin was not at the meeting therefore no report was presented. Later, Mike Raign said that John sent a message to him that the Website had been updated to include information on the WGD Corporate table’s enhanced prices.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields mentioned that the power of prayer works and asked that the membership look around among those attending tonight’s meeting. Wallie singled out those who have had medical procedures, and have recuperated, and are now with us. He mentioned Father Jim Barlow; Paul Biever; Paul Bowen; Duffy Bowen; Alex Flores; Bill Cooper; Larry Quinn; and Lou Rangel.

Entertainment: Steve Kelly had no report.

Public Relations: Tony Paniagua stated that Stewardship Sunday was canceled and has now been rescheduled for January 24, 2016. He also recognize Rico Silvas for his work at the fundraiser for the athletic director of St. Luke’s school to help pay for medical bills. Tony stated that Rico, Russell Phillips, Rudy Martinez, Oscar Garcia, and Orlando Garcia came together and cooked one thousand chicken quarters for the fundraiser.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses stated that he had no requests for funds this month basically indicating he had no report.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE: Matt Mora announced that the Dinner Dance will be December 12, 2015. He hopes that everyone is paid up so that Club members can be admitted free. He reminded the membership that any individuals attending the Dinner Dance by themselves still must have a reservation. He directed anyone who is going to the Dinner Dance to see Ralf Meneses tonight. He has the tickets for those who want to make a reservation. He said that the dinner will be cooked by caterer Ann Marie at Devonshire which is one of the top three caterers in San Antonio. For the purchase of tickets contact Don O’Brien, Ralf Meneses, RC Contreras and Adolfo Moncivaiz.

Wild Game Dinner 2015: Matt Mora announced that he is the chairman of the Wild Game Dinner for 2016 and further stated that backing him up are previous chairmen that are there to consult with him concerning any issues that may come up. Matt mentioned that there are 111 days left before the Wild Game Dinner. He stated that vendors are being approached already and he is talking about individuals who set up the sound and the video systems to name a few. He said that those involved are like professionals that already know what to do. He announced that the big bucks tickets are printed and ready to be sold and there is no reason why most of the membership should not pick up 10 big bucks tickets to sell. He challenged everyone in the membership to sell 10 big bucks tickets between now and March 5, 2016. Matt Mora also spoke about prize acquisition and stated that last month’s acquisition letters were made available to all the membership so they can approach businesses and present this letter to see if the business will give to the Club either a prize or a donation. Matt also mentioned that the Wild Game Dinner corporate table prices have been raised by $100. Corporate tables are now $1100, $1000, and $900. Matt stated that the website for the Club has been updated with the enhanced prices. Russell Phillips mentioned that Augie has received four, possibly five, donated pistols thus far. Matt also stated that the Wild Game Dinner committee is made up of himself, Mike Lutz and Russell Phillips.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: R. C. Contreras had no report.

Nominations/Lifetime Members: Terry Sparrow has informed Pres. Mike Raign of the nominees for lifetime membership.

Audit: There was no report. Mike Raign stated that he talked to Paul Biever who stated that an audit should be done sometime in the future.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon stated that there is no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Alex Flores mentioned that the men’s Club has been blessed with having so many men that have served our country in the military and mentioned that there was a display dedicated to the military and recognize James Benavides for his involvement in this. James asked for everyone to come see the display at the Institute of Texan Cultures.

One other piece of unfinished business was that we were supposed to have a guest speaker tonight, however, that guest speaker did not make contact with Tony Paniagua.

NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

Announcements for the Good of the Club: None

Raffle: John Martinez announced the raffle winners as follows:

First ticket: Dan Lozano

Second ticket: Carlos Mora and Paul Bowen

Third ticket: Roy Lopez and Don O’Brien and Carlos Mora

Fourth ticket: Alex Flores and Alex Flores and RC Contreras

Fifth ticket: Russell Phillips and John McCauley and Lauren Brown

Six Ticket: Paul Bowen and Don O’Brien and Steve Dupnick

Motion To Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Sam Haynes. The motion was seconded by Lauren Brown. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.

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