St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, DECEMBER 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM

St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Mike Raign called the meeting to order at 7:29 PM after the meal.

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

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Reno Puente III introduced himself to the membership.

BIRTHDAYS (DECEMBER): Several individuals walked up and stood before the membership to be recognized for their December birthdays. The oldest: Felix Alvarez who is 82 years old. The youngest: Lewis Delgado who is 62 years old. Members sang happy birthday and they were each given raffle tickets.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Members of the cooking team were Russell Phillips, Rico Silvas, Rudy Martinez, Eric Johnson, and Eddie Cruz.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting for November, 2015 were emailed to the webmaster who posted them on the Saint Luke Men’s Club website. The minutes were approved as presented. There were no corrections or deletions.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe E. Groff presented the treasurer’s report stating that there was nothing interesting. He mentioned dinner dance expenses, tonight’s dinner expenses and said that there was nothing major to report.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Sec. Gilbert Ortiz gave a brief overview of the correspondence that was received. Gilbert said that the Club recieved bank statements, bills, and stated that Rico Silvas received much of the correspondence from youngsters involved in the 4-H Club requesting support from the Saint Luke Men’s Club at the Gerlach’s Stock Show and Auction. Further, several thank you cards and Christmas cards were received from charities that receive donations from the Club.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

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

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes stated that he had no report.

Inventory Control: Rico Silvas stated that he had no report.

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that he had no report.

Membership: Todd Shannon announced that we have 270 members total, 2 new member, 47 lifetime members, 16 mail out members and 109 unpaid members. He urged those that have not paid to do so.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign announced that he and Henry are still working on the CMS contract revision. However, there is one part that needs to be worked on and Mike stated that he hoped to get this out this week.

Web master: Committee Chairman John Hardin stated that he made the usual changes to the website.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign asked if the membership had received Wallie’s prayer list for those members who are ill. Mike reminded the membership that there are a lot of members and relatives of members who need our prayers. Mike asked to say a prayer for the family of Louis Joseph Pish who passed away December 13, 2015; Gilbert Ortiz asked the membership to keep Henry Garcia in their prayers due to his recent heart procedure; and Mike also asked for the Clubs prayers for St. Luke School officials, Mary Turk who had a heart attack and school principal Marsella Salazar who passed away.

Entertainment: Steve Kelly stated that he had no report.

Public Relations: Tony Paniagua was not present at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign reminded the membership that stewardship Sunday has been rescheduled for January 24, 2016. He also asked those who had previously volunteered to get in touch with Tony for guidance as to their responsibility that day.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses stated that The St. Luke’s Men’s Club donated $300 to St. Timothy’s Catholic Church who is conducting their first Acts Retreat.

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE: Matt Mora announced to the membership that the Christmas Dinner Dance was a success. He asked for Ralf Meneses to stand up, Alfredo Avila, Russell Phillips, Todd Shannon, Joe Groff, James Benevides, Roy Lopez, and Mike Raign. Matt announced to the membership that these individuals were responsible for the Christmas Dinner Dance being so successful. Matt reminded everyone that this was a membership appreciation event and thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Wild Game Dinner 2015: Matt Mora recognized Mike Lutz and Russell Phillips as co-chairmen of the Wild Game Dinner. Matt said that Brett Ingram has already sent out the invitations for the WGD, is already getting responses and is acting on these responses. During this announcement, a copy of the proposed Wild Game Dinner budget was being distributed to all members. Once this was accomplished Matt focused on the information given to the members. The information consisted of three columns, the first was the proposed 2016 budget. The adjacent columns were the 2015 and 2014 WGD actual expenditures and net profit for these two years. Matt recognized Don O’Brien for his work in compiling the 2015/2014 information because it made it easy to formulate the 2016 propose budget. Matt called attention to the fact that for the first time in five years the corporate table cost is being increased by $100 at each level. The first 18 corporate tables which are up by the stage will increase from $1000 to $1100. The middle section has 28 corporate tables which will go from $900 to $1000. The back section has 27 corporate tables which will go from $800 to $900. In addition he announced that the two dollar raffle tickets will be increased to three dollars per ticket, however, discounts will be provided for those individuals buying multiple tickets at one time. Concerning Big Bucks tickets, there are 525 tickets at $50 per ticket so these will not be increased. There will also be 23 separate games of 53 card raffle. A discussion was held about the possibility of increasing the number of games by at least two. This will be considered. He also mentioned the business card raffle and how he would conduct this. Matt also announced to the Club that recently the Club lost the San Antonio Independent school District print shop that used to print the Club’s annual booklet for the WGD. He mentioned that other avenues have to be explored for the purpose of having our booklet printed. Matt explained to the membership that the information in the proposed 2016 budget are only estimates and subject to change. Another issue that Matt discussed was the fact that the Club lost the person who made the centerpieces, therefore, he wants to reach out to the wives of the membership hoping someone can fill the void in this area. He mentioned that the centerpieces at the Dinner Dance were made by Larry Fuentes wife. He stated that he will try to get Joey Groff’s wife to do a certain number of centerpieces and also get Arlene to do half of the other centerpieces to try to keep the cost at the amount that was paid last year.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: Out of cycle.

Nominations/Lifetime Members: Terry Sparrow has informed Pres. Mike Raign of the nominees for lifetime membership. The lifetime members are Fred J Wood, Brett Ingram and Rudy Martinez. Rudy was one of the cooking team members for this month and he was asked to step out of the kitchen and present himself to the membership.

Audit: Mike Raign stated that he talked to Paul Biever who said that an audit should be done sometime next spring after Club elections.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon said that he selected a new shirt. This year the theme is fishing. The shirt is cheaper than last year costing only cost $27. The shirts sleeves will also roll up into a short sleeve. The shirts will have the Saint Luke Men’s Club crest as well. Anyone interested can see him.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike Raign reported to the membership that the church was looking to the Club to repair the walk-in cooler but it appears that this issue has been resolved and we need to do nothing.

Additionally, the Club is trying to get an extension for us to stay after 9pm in the cafeteria and he announced that if any member wish to stay after the meeting this evening to play cards can do so.

The membership was also advised that we will try to keep the membership up-to-date on the construction on Callaghan Road which will definitely impact on church services, membership meetings and specifically the WGD parking situation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Raign stated that Tony Paniagua brought up an issue that we were unable to implement this year which was the suggestion that we should begin collecting winter coats for the homeless. But the students at Saint Luke Catholic School are collecting coats for the homeless so this issue will be table for consideration for next year.

Announcements for the Good of the Club:

Steve Kelly announced that he had Six Tickets for the Alamo Bowl that he will be unable to use, therefore, if anyone is interested in purchasing these tickets they are available.

Raffle: John Martinez announced the raffle winners as follows:

First ticket: Larry Fuentes

Second ticket: Juan Huerta and Don O’Brien

Third ticket: Juan Huerta and Rick Hite and John Standley

Fourth ticket: Hubert Lang and Felipe Gonzalez and Rick Hite

Motion To Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Loren Brown. The motion was seconded by John Donnellan. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04p.m.

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