St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday; JANUARY, 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM

St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: President Mike Raign called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Everett Elstak.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Ruben Garcia, Ronnie Francisco, Daniel Aguero, Nick Salinas and Rogelio Salinas introduced themselves to the membership.

BIRTHDAYS (JANUARY): Several individuals walked up and stood before the membership to be recognized for their January birthdays. The oldest: Richard Buitron who is 85 years old. The youngest: Rick Hite who is 63 years old. Members sang happy birthday and they were each given raffle tickets.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Members of the cooking team were introduced by Tony Paniagua. The crew consisted of Tony Paniagua, Rudy Martinez, Eddie Cruz, Augie De La Cruz, Larry Fuentes, Russell Phillips, Rico Silvas, Frank Garza and Paul Bowen.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting for December, 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, additions or deletions.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe E. Groff stated that he did not have a printed version of the Treasurer’s report tonight for the Club. He stated that there were no expenses out of the ordinary. He also announced that he was doing double duty today and stated to the membership that anyone who has not paid their dues to see him.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Sec. Gilbert Ortiz announced at that he had no mail this week. He did ask that if anyone had children who were going to show their animals at the Gerlach’s Stock Show to let Rico Silvas know. Gilbert announced that the cutoff date for consideration to receive monies from St. Luke’s Men’s Club will be January 29, 2016 and that any correspondence received after this date requesting a donation would not be considered.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

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

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes stated that the men’s club will be participating in the Stations of the Cross but he has not been advised of the date. As soon as he learns the date he will send out an email.

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

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that the Club purchased a new TV for the rectory.

Membership: Todd Shannon was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign announced that we had five new members. Joey Groff is collecting dues tonight in Todd’s absence.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign announced at that he and Henry Garcia finally hammered out the CMS contract and said that the new website would not get started until after the Wild Game Dinner.

Web master: Committee Chairman John Hardin stated that he made the usual changes to the website. He included information that stewardship Sunday is scheduled for January 24, 2016. Mike Raign asked those volunteers that are going to help to contact Tony for their assignments.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign stated that Wallie working on his report and he has been assisted by David Keller who is visiting sick members and their families. David announced that he visited Kay Ingram at the nursing facility and she is doing well. He also communicated with Don Jungman whose wife died one year ago. David also invited Don to the sausage making event hoping that his son-in-law would bring him. Robert Quiroga was also contacted and it was learned that he is having some problems as a result of his back surgery. He also mentioned that he learned tonight that Jack Ferdnandi has pneumonia. Mike Raign thanked David Keller for assisting Wallie.

Entertainment: Steve Kelly stated that he will check out the availability of a gambling boat for a possible trip for our club members during this spring. He mentioned that it was very difficult to find something for the club to do during hunting season so he is waiting until spring.

Matt Mora reported on the dinner dance. He reported that this dinner dance was a bittersweet moment for him since it is the last time that he will be chairmen. He announced that Mike Raign will take over as chairman. Matt thanked Ralf Meneses for all his help in putting together the dinner dance stating that Ralf had a great crew and mentioned Don O’Brien, Adolph Moncivaiz and RC Contreras. He mentioned part of the history of what made the dinner dance somewhat profitable mentioning that Andy Shalit of outback restaurant provided an $18.00 steak dinner for $7.25. Andy can no longer cook for this event. Therefore, the Club had to find another caterer which has put this event in the red ($2,041). Matt said that this is the first year that the dinner dance fell to the negative but stated that the dinner dance is a Club appreciation event. Comments of from the Club members were that the meal served at the dinner dance was outstanding.

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. Tony asked for four individuals to be nicely dressed to direct individuals towards the food and provide them with information concerning the club in hopes of gaining some new members. He asked that all volunteers be there at 7:30 AM.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses stated that thanks to the Wild Game Dinner the Club has money to contribute to three organizations requesting donations. The first is The Veterans Treatment Center who requested $120. The second is a donation request of $300 for Missionary to Bolivia. There is also a special request from the Acts Core at St. Luke’s because they are promoting a fish fry at St. Luke’s on February 12, 2016. The request is simply to donate a gift which can be raffled as a door prize. He stated that the president agreed that the Club should donate a big bucks ticket. In doing this the possibility arises that the Club can announce the availability of more big bucks tickets which can be sold at this event. Additionally, Joe Piña is donating a bottle of whiskey.

Wild Game Dinner 2015: Matt Mora announced to Club members that he is the Wild Game Dinner chairman for this year. He stated that the great thing about being in the chairman is that the chairman is never alone. There is a great history and support for him. Matt said that there was 47 days to the Wild Game Dinner. He recognized Henrietta Gray and Kay Ingram and stated that this is the first year in 41 years that they will not do the game dinner centerpieces. He also recognized Joey Groff and Larry Fuentes because their wives will be doing the centerpieces for this year. Matt stated that there is a punch list and it goes month by month. He mentioned that the January punch list has already been completed. He said that the Wild Game Dinner is in good hands and the wheels to get this event together are turning and he is simply holding on. On January 26, 2016 there will be a menu planning meeting. He asked that those who are working with the food crew to show up to this meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: Out of cycle.

Nominations/Lifetime Members: Out Of Cycle.

Audit: Out of cycle.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon was not at the meeting tonight. Mike Raign told the membership that a discussion was held at the Executive Board about new shirts for the WGD and that Todd had given the board three or four different options on shirts. Apparently Todd believed that the selected shirt would be $17 per shirt, however, the price increased to $37 per shirt. Mike mentioned that the board decided against purchasing any shirts at this time due to the price increase so the plan is to check out other vendors to see if we can come up with a lower price alternative for the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mike Raign reported to the membership that he has been trying to get the cafeteria so that the club can stay a little later so individuals can play poker or those sort of things. He reported that negotiations continue and he is still working on this issue. He reported having met with Patsy Bauman but the Club still needs approval from Father Jim. Some of the issues that have to be worked on are the cleaning crew and other organizations in the parish complaining why the men’s club gets to stay late and they don’t. These issues are being worked on and hopefully by the next meeting there will be an answer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Raign stated the Ex-Board voted to approve purchasing a 50 inch television along with the Knights of Columbus who would also purchased a 50 inch television for the rectory at Father Jim’s request. Because the cost of the television was going to be more than $300, it is necessary for the membership to vote on this. One of the board members jumped the gun and went ahead and purchased the television set but it was learned that the television was too big for that area. Therefore, the 50 inch television set was exchanged for a 42 inch set which was approximately $350. The President asked for a vote in order to pay back the member who purchased the television set. None of the members objected to the expenditure of $350 for the television set.

Announcements for the Good of the Club: James Benavides announced that on February 13, 2016 there will be an Asian Festival at the Institute of Texan Cultures and requested all members to join in the festivities. This is a one-day event from 10 AM to 5 PM and there will be three stages of entertainment, a martial arts demonstration, a demonstration kitchen and hands-on kids activities. There will also be acupuncture lectures and Eastern medicine philosophies.

Raffle: John Martinez announced the raffle winners as follows:

First ticket: Amedeo Ortiz

Second ticket: Augie de la Cruz / Lauren Brown

Third ticket: Sal Caballero / Felipe Gonzalez

Fourth ticket: Paul Kruger / Sam Noriega

Fifth Ticket: Paul Kruger / Joe Piña / Don O’Brien

Six Ticket: Mario Casarin / Robert Doll / Mario Casarin

Seventh Ticket: Rick Hite / Rogelio Salinas / Ben Olinick

Raffle of chicken dinners were won by: Don O’Brien; Russell Phillips; Steve Dupnick; and Sal Caballero.

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 8:25p.m.

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