ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 15, 2016 @ 7 PM

Saint Luke School Cafeteria

Called Meeting to Order at; President Mike Raign called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm after the meal.

Opening Prayer; Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance; Joe Mayorga led the membership in the pledge of allegiance.

Welcome New Members And Guests; The following guest introduced themselves as future members of the Club: Buddy Kondoff; Arnold Gonzales; Luis Montoto; Dan Foss; Marcus Mendez; Johnny Mendez; Ralph Gomez; and George Ruiz.

February Birthdays; Several individuals stood before the membership. The oldest is Roy Schidner, 80 years old. The youngest is Robert Quiroga, 34 years old. The membership sang happy birthday and each was given raffle tickets.

Introduction of the Cooking Team: Steve Garza introduced the cooking team. They were, Steve Garza, Bobby Olivares, Mario Lazarin, Reno Puente, Carlos Mora, Daniel Lozano, Mark Resendez, Louis Delgado and Steve Ayala.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting; Secretary Gilbert Ortiz emailed a copy of the January minutes to the webmaster for posting On the Saint Luke Men’s Club website. There were no corrections or additions. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer’s Report; Joey Groff stated that he passed out the Treasurer’s report to everyone and asked if there were any questions concerning this report. There were no questions, corrections or additions to the report. The report was approved as presented.

Club Correspondence; Secretary Gilbert Ortiz announced that the club received numerous bills and thank you letters from charities that the club has donated money to in the past. Additionally, acquired prizes for the Wild Game Dinner were received.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Budget & Finance; Larry Ridder stated that he had no report.

Chaplain; Larry Fuentes reminded everyone that on March 11, 2016 there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM at St. Luke’s. Larry stated that at least 14 Club members are needed to volunteer so that each Station of the Cross has a SLMC member assigned to it.

Inventory Control; Rico Silvas announced that he had no report.

Procurement; Russell Phillips stated that he had no report.

Membership; Todd Shannon reported that there are 276 members, 6 new member, 46 lifetime members, 15 mail out members and 99 members that have not paid their dues.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications; Henry Garcia stated that he had no report.

Webmaster; John Hardin stated that he had no report.

Christian Services; Wallie Fields asked the membership to continue praying for all Club members in need of our support. He also direct members to view his email which list all of the members afflicted with medical problems that need our prayers.

Entertainment; Steve Kelly did not have a report.

Public Relations; Tony Paniagua stated that he received an email from Marty that stated Father Jim was extremely pleased over Stewardship Sunday because hamburgers were served. A profit was made of a little over $100. Tony thanked Roy Lopez and recognized him because Roy was there in the morning and remained there all day long assisting with the cooking, etc. He also recognized others who assisted, Todd Shannon, Don O’Brien, James Benavides, Michael Hernandez, Steve Garcia, Matt Mora, Michael Raign, Joe Piña, and RC Contreras. Tony stated that a little over 200 hamburgers were sold. Mike Raign mentioned that the hamburger patties that were left over were sold to Joe Piña for the Men of Service. The leftover sausage was also provided for consumption to the individuals who were making sausage for the Wild Game Dinner.

Benevolence; Ralf Meneses was not at the meeting so Ben Olenick presented the Committee report for Ralf. For the benefit of the new members, Ben explained what the Benevolence Committee’s duties are and how monies or donated. He announced that $300 was donated to the Saint Luke School for their Gala. A second donation was made to the Spanish Choir in the amount of $250. He also recognized Mr. Theodore Allen who has been married for 70 years.

Wild Game Dinner 2016; Matt Mora stated that there are 19 days left before the Wild Game Dinner. He said that the dinner was like a large ship and the membership is rowing this ship and only a handful is steering it. Matt talked about the prizes and thanked many of the club members for their participation in getting prizes. Also, he mentioned that Dr. Portales was able to secure two “hog hunts.” He thanked all those who have been able to bring in “hunts.” He stated that the most exciting hunt was the Golden Triangle Hunt up north. The person who secured this hunt was Brett Ingram who received a prize for his efforts. Matt also mentioned that tomorrow there is an “operations” meeting and those who are to attend have already received their email. He also said that on Thursday of this week there will be an “income” meeting. He also announced that game dinner chairman here tonight need additional volunteers and that tonight is the time to sign up to assist those chairmen. Matt mentioned that the Club is just shy of selling out on corporate tables for the Wild Game Dinner. There is one $1100 table left; one $1000 table left; and there are two $900 tables left. David Keller stated that he wanted to thank Joey Groff’s sister for designing the front cover of the pamphlet which contains advertisements and is handed out to everyone. Matt asked Russell Phillips and Mike Lutz to come forward and introduce them as WGD co-chairmen. Mike announced that the sausage making gathering will be this Saturday, February 20, 2016 at his in-laws ranch. All individuals that are volunteer’s for this event have already been notified.

Don O’Brien explained to the membership a new concept that will be taking place. Don announced that this year there will be a serving line only for volunteers located in the pit area under a covered tent. He announced what the menu would be for the workers and also that beer would be served for the volunteers. He announced that no volunteers are to be lined up at the paying guest line. The volunteer serving line is open at 1 PM. He said that after all guest are served, the volunteers can go through the guest line and take whatever is left over. In conclusion, Matt Mora introduced all chairman for the Wild Game Dinner.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;

Scholarship; RC Contreras. Presently out of cycle.

Nominations/Lifetime Member; Terry Sparrow. Presently out of cycle.

Audit; Paul Biever. Presently out of cycle.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;

Logo Attire; Todd Shannon stated that he has SLMC baseball caps and T-shirts. He mentioned that several individuals had asked about a Wild Game Dinner shirt but explained having selected a shirt only to have the price increased extensively so he canceled the order.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

After hours security for General Membership Meetings; Mike Raign introduced Jeff Tillis who is a local Bexar County Sheriff’s Deputy and is also a Member of Texas Lawmen. Mike explained that for months now we had been talking about staying late and approval was granted by Father Jim. The Club can stay until 11 PM but there are two conditions that we must follow. One of the conditions is that we have to have security. This is what Jeff is doing here tonight. Mike further explained that it is the Archdiocese that requires the Club to have security at our meetings if we are serving alcohol. This is for all St. Luke’s organizations. Mike said that although Jeff has been hired for security in the cafeteria he has also asked him to check out the parking lot from time to time. Mike also stated that there is a cost associated with security and this has been approved by the Executive Board. Secondly, clean up after we leave the premises. Don O’Brien stated that at our next Club meeting, the Spurs play the Orlando Magic on Monday night so the Club is going to have a television hooked up to Dish Network, both which have been approved for purchase by the Executive Board. This is going to be for the purpose of trying to get more people to join the Club and create more interest by having these fun events. Don stated that during the year there may be additional events that can be watched by the Club.

NEW BUSINESS;

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB

John Standley stated that his daughter has worked up a concert and dinner benefit to support the St. Vincent DePaul Society. She plays the piano and has gotten together a cellist, violinist, guitarist, vocalist and others. It is going to be on March 4, 2016 at 6:30 PM at St. Louis Church in Castroville, Texas. The suggested donation is $10 per ticket and he has tickets to sell if anyone is interested.

MOTION TO ADJOURN; A motion to adjourn was made by Robert Camacho. This motion was seconded by Terry Sparrow. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER; Larry Fuentes led the membership in the closing prayer.

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Raffle Winner Results: Nine Big Bucks Tickets Were Available for the Raffle

1. Roger Caballero
2. Larry Ridder and Steve Sanchez
3. Joey Groff Senior and Augie de la Cruz
4. Lucio Gonzalez and Ruben Vallez
5. Lucio Gonzalez and Augie de la Cruz and Peter Binky
6. Bobby Olivarez and Richard de la Paz and Richard de la Paz
7. Augie de la Cruz and David Keller and Manual Cosmea
8. Joey Groff Senior and Lauren Brown and Martin Garcia
9. Will Esperon and Orlando Garcia and John Hardin
10. Several Sausage Plates Were Also Raffled.