ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB

 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 18, 2016 @ 7 PM

Saint Luke School Cafeteria

Called Meeting to Order: At 7:30 PM the meeting was called to order by President Mike Raign.

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance:Felipe Gonzales let the pledge.

Welcome New Members & Guests: Dr. Robert (Bob) Moreno

Birthdays for April: The oldest member was Steve Sanchez, 84 years old. The youngest member was Todd Shannon who is 42 years old. The members sang happy birthday to them and all April birthday members were given eight raffle tickets each.

Introduction of the Cooking Team: Patsy Baumann introduced members of the St. Luke cafeteria workers who cooked tonight’s meal. They were Angie Estrada, Olga Almanza, Chayo Cardenas and Patsy Baumann.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Secretary Gilbert Ortiz emailed the minutes to the Webmaster who posted the minutes on the SLMC website. There were no additions, corrections or objections. The minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report; Joey Groff was not at the meeting this night. Mike Raign stated that Joey was going to present the treasurer’s report for the past two months but since he was not here he will present his report next month. Mike stated that the club is solvent.

Club Correspondence; Secretary Gilbert Ortiz stated that during the past month the Club has only received banks statements and several bills.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

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

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes reported that the Guadalupanas are sponsoring a pilgrimage to San Juan del Valle and if anyone wants information on this trip they can review the handout which was left at the front table.

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

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that a 60 inch television has been purchased for the Club. He also reported that Patsy Bauman reported to Russell that some of the coolers used by the church had broken lids. Russell stated that he purchased two new coolers which cost $119. These coolers are the big long coolers which explains the amount of money that he paid. Mike Raign commented that we need to keep Pasty happy so the purchase made by Russell was justified.

Membership: Todd Shannon reported that there are 226 members, one new member, 46 lifetime members, 175mail-out members and 35 members that have not paid their dues.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications: Henry Garcia was not at the meeting. There was no report presented.

Webmasters: John Harding was not at the meeting but emailed his report. He is working on updating the SLMC website.The update will include information concerning the new PO Box number, the March minutes, menu for tonight’s meal, information on the Missions baseball game night and the removal of old information.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields was not at the meeting. Mike Raign asked if all Club members received Wallie’s Christian services report. Some of the members responded in the affirmative.

Entertainment; Steve Kelly was not present but Mike Raign stated that Kelly has begun working on getting information concerning a gaming cruise in Corpus Christi, Tx. Mike mentioned that Steve is still working on this. Also, David Keller has put together a flyer concerning the Missions Baseball and Tailgate night which is set for June 30, 2016 when the Missions baseball team play the Tulsa Drillers Team. The cost will be $15 per person. The cost is for box seats where individual members have their own seat.

Public Relations; Tony Paniagua stated that he received an email from Marty with regard to Roger Macias who will become a deacon on May 20, 2016. He mentioned that approximately 250 people will be invited as guests to his ceremony. Tony mentioned that Marty requested volunteers to help from 7:30 to 9 and they need approximately 12 individuals to help serve drinks. In addition those volunteering will be asked to help clean up.

Benevolence; Ralf Meneses was not at the meeting tonight and asked Ben Olenick to provide the membership with a report. Ben mentioned that the Benevolence Committee worked on three items which are as follows: for Roger Macias, Patsy Bauman asked the Club for a $300 donation which was approved by the committee. This money will be used to sponsor the reception for Macias. Next is the approval of $300 for a church group, Youth for Christ. The money will be used to assist teens with spiritual guidance. The third request was for Michelle Herrera and the money donated will be used to establish a Farmers Market on the east side of San Antonio for needy families. The market will provide fruit and vegetables at a reasonable price. For this group $300 was approved.

Wild Game Dinner 2016: Matt Mora stated that there are 320 days to the next wild game dinner. He mentioned that the Club had a very successful dinner. Further, there was a very successful Lessons Learned meeting and Don O’Brien and Gilbert Ortiz took notes. Matt mentioned that there were approximately 25 members at the meeting. He also stated that Pizza Hut on Callaghan Road donated almost $80 worth of pizza to the men’s club which was used to entice members to attend the Lessons Learned meeting. Matt also mentioned that at this time he does not have all of the information on profits and payouts for the dinner but should have them soon and will report to the membership.

Sharing of Gifts: Matt stated that the Sharing of Gifts will be the main issue at the July Monday night meeting. He asked the membership to be ready in May to start purchasing their meal tickets for the Sharing of Gifts banquet. He stated that this will be a formal event and as many club members as can attend should make an effort to be there. The cost of the dinner will be $10. He mentioned that Andy Shalit from Outback restaurant does a great job of providing the meal that night.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship- RC Contreras: RC stated that on Friday, April 8, 2016, he picked up 24 scholarship applications from Laura Calderon. He mentioned that the committee members consist of himself, Tony Paniagua, Paul Biever and Larry Fuentes.He explained that all of the applications will be reviewed and will be graded on the basis of a point system that the committee uses. The top five applicants will be selected and also two alternates. RC mentioned that the committee will meet next Tuesday, 6:30 PM, at the Parish Center and work on these applications and select the five individuals and two alternates. These names will be provided the club president.

Nominations/Lifetime Member: Terry Sparrow announced that his Nominations Committee, made up of himself, Duffy Bowen and Alex Flores, has a slate for the elective officers and in accordance with the Bylaws and Club Constitution he will announce for nominations from the floor and for each position he will ask for floor nominations three times. He introduced the slate of officers that the committee has chosen. Those selected are, for president, James Benavides; for Vice President Gilbert Ortiz; for Secretary Todd Shannon. Joey Groff will remain as treasurer for the next two years. Terry proceeded to ask for nominations from the floor for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer but no one was nominated from the floor. He announced that James Benavides, Gilbert Ortiz, Todd Shannon and Joey Groff will be elected by acclamation.

Audit-Paul Biever-- Presently out of cycle.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon stated that he had no report.

Bylaws Revision Committee: Mike Raign listed those that are involved in the bylaws revision committee are himself, Ralf Meneses, Don O’Brien, and David Keller. He reported that the bylaws have been completed and they are continuing their work on the Constitution. He hopes that by May the bylaws and Constitution can be completed and it will be presented to the membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Don O’Brien explained to the membership that a new 60 inch television was purchased. He demonstrated its use stating that in addition to watching sports events, the TV can also be used to display information to the Executive Board and the general membership. Don demonstrated how useful the television can be to display information. He mentioned that the television had many uses. Don also explained that the equipment is owned by the Men’s Club. The equipment is simply the television and a Dish tailgater which is a portable satellite. This can be taken anywhere as long as we have power to run it, for example, the dove hunt. Don mentioned that the Club is thankful to Larry Ridder’s sister who has a Dish subscription which the Club is tapping into paying seven dollars per month. Presently, the television and Dish equipment is being stored in the St. Luke’s Men’s Club shed. But, Don stated that he wants to make a deal with the school to mount the television on the cafeteria wall where it will be in an air-conditioned facility and if needed can be removed from its mounting and taken elsewhere.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ben Olenick asked if everyone remembered Father Albert Joseph, a seminarian that the Club supported for a number of years and has now been ordained a priest. Ben said that Father Joseph sent a letter to him asking to thank all of the Club members for their support. He is now an assistant pastor and teaching 10th grade students in another country. He also mentioned that the Club is now sponsoring another seminarian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

 None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by John Donnellan. This motion was seconded by Robert Camacho. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

CLOSING PRAYER: Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the membership in the closing prayer.

Raffle Winners: First Ticket Rudy Martinez: Second Ticket Tom Becker: Third Ticket Don O’Brien: Fourth Ticket Rudy Martinez: and Fifth Ticket Felipe Gonzales.