ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB

General Membership Meeting Minute

Monday, November 21, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

Saint Luke School Cafeteria

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

Opening Prayer: Chaplain Larry Fuentes led the opening prayer.

Pledge of Allegiance: Nat Chavez let the pledge.

Welcome New Members & Guests: Frank Miller

Birthdays for November: The oldest member was Terry Sparrow, 76 years old. The youngest member was Paul Bowen who is 50 years old. The members sang happy birthday to them and all November birthday members were given eight raffle tickets each.

Introduction of the Cooking Team: Eno Badillo accepted thanks for Boy Scout troop 405 who were responsible for tonight’s meal. He also thanked the club for all the donations and support that the club has provided for the troop. There was also information that troop 405 is sponsoring a golf tournament and invited club members to participate.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Secretary Todd Shannon 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 apologized for not having print out copies of his report ready for tonight. He gave a brief statement of the expenses and stated that there is nothing unusual or out of the ordinary.

Club Correspondence; Secretary Todd Shannon stated that during the past month the Club has received mail which he has for anyone’s review.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder stated that he has no updates on budget and finance.

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: Reno Puente gave report on membership. He began his report by stating the following, “why did the senior club member cross the road-- to pay his dues.” He gave his report on the number of members in the club, those who have not paid their dues, those who are mail out members and other information concerning membership.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Communications: Henry Garcia stated that he is looking forward to getting a bid from the contractor after Thanksgiving for he development of the new web site.

Webmasters: John Harding was not at the meeting but he emailed his report. The president stated that John’s report reflects that he placed the regular announcements on the website and other pertinent information for the general membership. In addition, John made the required changes to the website.

Christian Services: Wallie Fields was not able to be at the meeting tonight but submitted his prayer list via the Internet. James requested that all members review the list and continue praying for those members that are most in need of our prayers. John Martinez mentioned that prayers should also be offered for the quick recovery of Erick Ortiz, son of club member Gilbert Ortiz, who was recently shot in the performance of his police duties.

Entertainment: Mike Raign provided information for the club members concerning the dinner dance in December, 2016. He stated that he needed assistance and asked club members to volunteer to sell raffle tickets at the dinner dance. Tony Paniagua volunteered to sell tickets at night. Ralf Memeses stated that ticket sales are going well. Mike asked for volunteers to help stuff church bulletins with information about the dinner dance to assemble at the back of the room. Mike also announced that the club has lost the lady who used to make sheet cake with the men’s club crest on the cake so he asked if anyone knew a person who has the skill to do this to let him know. Mike announced that this year he’s trying to get a photographer to take pictures at the dinner dance. He thanked all those who have already helped and that have volunteered to help to make the dinner dance a success.

Rockport Outing Update: Steve Dupnick was not at the meeting tonight but it was reported that the dates for the outing will be May 5 through May 7. Lodging will be at the Pelican Bay resort. Fishing guides have also been arranged. Also a shrimp boil will be held on Friday evening at the clubhouse at the resort. The whole package will also include sandwiches after fishing, steaks on Saturday night and breakfast on Sunday morning. For those that would like to golf it will be Friday afternoon at the Rockport country club.

Public Relations: Robert Quiroga announced that recently the club sponsored Stewardship Sunday and thanked all of the individuals involved in assisting with this event. A profit of $209 was made. He thanked Rudy Martinez and his crew and also Matt Mora and Russell Phillips who helped out. Special thanks went to Rico Silvas, Joe Piña and James Benavides.

Benevolence; Ralf Meneses stated that he had no report.

Wild Game Dinner 2016: Matt Mora stated that the wild game dinner is scheduled to be held in March, 2017 as always. He asked the membership to turn their attention to the television screen where a copy of the 2017 wild game dinner budget was being displayed. He announced that the other members of the wild game dinner committee were Mike Lutz, Russell Phillips and Larry Fuentes, in addition to himself. He reviewed and compared the budget from the previous year to the upcoming 2017 wild game dinner budget and explained to the membership some of the costliest items and how other items are categorized in the budget. He thanked Henry Garcia and his wife Rose for their help in the printing of the yearly advertisement booklet which is presented to everyone. Matt also asked for assistance in selling ads to be displayed on our handout. He also reviewed other items of the budget which assist the club in earning quite a bit of money during the game dinner (auction). He asked Augie DeLa Cruz about the number of guns that will be available for the 53 card raffle. In conclusion he asked for the cooperation of all club members in order to make the game dinner in 2017 a big success. James Benavides mentioned to club members that the budget had been previously approved for presentation to the membership by the executive board.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship- RC Contreras: OOC

Nominations/Lifetime Member: Terry Sparrow has completed his work and the process of notifying those who have been selected has begun.

Audit-Paul Biever-- OOC

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN;

Logo Attire: James Benevides mentioned that there was a discussion with the bylaws committee concerning where logo attire would fit into our bylaws. James stated that logo attire is a matter of branding and if branding is a public relations initiative, therefore, he asked Robert Quiroga if he was interested. Robert stated that he would take on logo attire.

Bylaws Revision Committee: David Keller stated that he hopes to have a draft of the bylaws by next month’s executive board meeting for everyone’s review and approval before presenting this to the general membership.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

James reminded the membership that Augie de la Cruz and Rick Hite are in charge of a 53 card raffle and they still have a few cards that have not sold. This is for a new weapon from Academy and anyone who wins will be supplied with a gift card in the amount of and equal to the amount of the weapon. James stated that if anyone wishes to purchase any of the cards to see them.

NEW BUSINESS:

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLUB:

The president stated that he had two announcements one being that the Institute of Texan cultures is featuring Painted Churches of Texas between November 19, 2016 and March 5, 2017. The art used technology developed for NASA’s Mars Rovers. The paintings use Gigapan photographs of the painted churches of Texas which is numerous pictures brought together showing great detail. Also, opening Thursday, December 8, 2016 will be “Foreign By Land, Native by Heart,” which is stories from refugee neighbors. This is presented by the Catholic Charities Archdiocese of San Antonio, Incorporated at the Institute of Texan cultures. He urged all of us to attend.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Jones. This motion was seconded by Matt Mora. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

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

Raffle Winners:

The following are the winners in the big bucks drawing: Jeff Phillips, Terry Sparrow, Daniel Lozano, Joe Gonzales, Matt Mora, Larry Ridder, Reno Puente, Roger Rodriguez, Joey Groff, Reno Puente and Gilbert Ortiz.

The following are winners for the Mexican dinners At Cha-Cha’s: Rico Silvas, Don O’Brien, Felix Gonzales, and David Keller.

The following won cakes: José Lopez, Paul Bowen, Roy Lopez, Felix Gonzales, George Delgado, Don O’Brien, Joe Piña, Nat Chavez and José Lopez.