**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Monday, June 18, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 6:58 pm by James Benavides.

**Opening Prayer** led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Paul Biever.

**Induction of New Officers:**  Ex-officio David Keller administered the Oath of Office to the new officers: President- Gilbert Ortiz; Vice President -Todd Shannon; and, Secretary - John Martinez. Treasurer - Joe E. Groff, Jr. was absent. Out-going President James Benavides turned the meeting over to the new President Gilbert Ortiz. Both thanked David Keller for this special service. Gilbert Ortiz’s first order of business was to present James Benavides with a plaque highlighting his term of office and in appreciation for his service to the SLMC. The Membership acknowledged the new officers, and the meeting resumed under new leadership.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** None.

**Birthdays for the Month:** There were six birthdays for June. Oldest Member was Dr. Jose Benavides at age 87. Matt Mora was the youngest member at 54 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez, Russell Phillips, Tony Paniagua, Adolfo Raquenes, Marco Candela, and Frank Garza provided the tasty Pizza and Hot Wings meal for this meeting. The cooking team was thanked for stepping up and graciously securing the evening’s meal.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** were submitted by then-in-office Secretary Todd Shannon. Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Club Correspondence** was reviewed by Secretary John Martinez. Only two pieces of mail were received, i.e., a bank statement and an Assumption Seminary invitation to their Gala on August 29th. Each was forwarded to the appropriate official.

**Treasurer’s Report:** In the absence of Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr., no report presented.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder reported no checks outstanding.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes reminded Members that Father Eric Ridder will be the new St. Luke Catholic Church Pastor beginning July 1st. Gilbert Ortiz will be inviting him to the Sharing of Gifts Banquet.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley purchased two metal trash cans for use in collecting and dumping the BBQ pit ashes from the WGD. Additionally, he is seeking volunteers to help setup and take down Club canopies for Father “Miguel’s” going away reception on June 24th. He also asked for their assistance with the reception after each Mass.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips had no report.
* Membership: Reno Puente reported that the Membership List has been posted and available on the Website. He reports he is stepping down as Membership Chairman, and introduced Rene Soliz as his new replacement. Reno offered a belated Father’s Day congratulation to all Members, and recognized: the oldest father (Martin Rodriguez – 92 yrs old) & the youngest father (Rene Soliz – 32 yrs old); the father with the oldest car (Rudy Martinez with a 1932 “Roadster”); the father carrying the keychain with the most keys (Paul Rodriguez); the father with most children (John Donella with 6); the father with most grandchildren (John Stanley with 12); the father with the most guns (Augie de la Cruz with 48 guns); and, the father with the biggest gun caliber (Eric Phillips with a 300 Weatherby Magnum). All enjoyed the lighthearted jest.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips had no report, however says he is still looking for a 3rd Co-chair for the WGD. Any interested Member should contact him, Mike Lutz or Larry Fuentes.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: No report.
* Webmaster: Gilbert Ortiz advised the Club that John Hardin purchased the “Smart FTP” license at $49.95, a previously authorized purchase, in order to continue corresponding with the Club as Webmaster.
* Christian Services: Wally Fields was absent. No report presented, however Gilbert Ortiz disclosed a discussion he had with Wally Fields about: (1) shortening and making his “Christian Services Reports” more concise; and, (2) about the merits of having a back-up for him. He said Wally Fields was agreeable to both and would be forwarding a candidate’s name as his “back-up”.
* Entertainment:
  + Rockport Trip: Steve Dupnick/Rick Jones-OOC.
  + Missions Baseball: David Keller passed out flyers announcing the SLMC Tailgate Party for the “Family Night at the Missions” Baseball game on Thursday, June 21st, and invited the Members to come and enjoy. He noted the deadline for this SLMC event is June 18th.
  + Sharing of Gifts: Ralf Meneses presented his Committee’s report of the grant requests, review, and awards pursuant to the 2018 WGD proceeds available for distribution. He reports the proceeds totaled to $93,916.61, and are categorized as follows: a $23,479.15 Capital Campaign final payment; $31,696.86 for St. Luke Parish Organizations; $28,174.98 for Community Organizations; and, $10,565.62 for SLMC operating expenses. He noted the 2018 “Requests” by the Parish and Community Organizations far exceeded the availability of funds, however the Benevolence Committee, i.e., Ralf Meneses, RC Contreras, Joe Pina, and Ben Olenick, managed to make awards scaled in accordance with the available funds and inconsideration of requested amounts. He noted that next year there will be no Capital Campaign payment, stating the SLMC obligation was met with this year’s “final payment” of $23,479.15. Gilbert Ortiz thanked Ralf and his Committee for their hard work, and the put to a vote the approval of the distribution of funds and awards. By a show of hands, the distribution of awards was unanimously approved. Ralf Meneses is to notify the award recipients and invite them to the “Sharing of Gifts” Banquet on July 16th.
  + Sharing of Gifts Banquet: Matt Mora spoke briefly on the Sharing of Gifts Banquet scheduled for the evening of July 16th. He cited the Sharing of Gifts & Banquet as the culmination of the successful hard work of the WGD and the Benevolence Committee’s profound work in appraising and awarding grants from the WGD “Recommended Distributions”. Club members were informed that Outback would again cater the event, and Members have a choice of a steak or chicken entrée. Eddie Cruz and crew would handle the bar. He advised the Membership that this evening is the last day for the $10.00 “convenience” entry event ticket; hereafter, it will be $15.00 per individual at the door. He and Reno still had $10.00 tickets/flyer entries. Flyer entries can also be downloaded via the website.
  + Dove Hunt: Augie de la Cruz noted that this year’s Dove Hunt is scheduled for September 22nd at the Lalo Fernandez Ranch. He related that he and Rick Hite have the raffle tickets for a $5.00 donation fee per ticket. The raffle prize is a Remington 12 gauge “Versa Max” semi-automatic shotgun. The winner need not be present to win; however, the attending door prize will be an O/U shotgun. The sign-up and fee for the Dove Hunt will be forthcoming, however the raffle tickets are now being made available for the members to purchase and/or sell.
  + UTSA Football Game: Reno Puente announced the tailgate party for the upcoming UTSA game on November 10th. Interested Members should see him for ticket availability.
  + Christmas Dinner Dance: Gilbert Ortiz announced that Rick Jones will be taking over the ticket sales from Ralf Meneses. He will be working closely with Mike Raign on this year’s dinner/dance.
* Public Relations: Gilbert Ortiz noted James Benavides will undertake the duties of this position.
* Benevolence: No report. (See Sharing of Gifts)
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips had no report

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: R.C. Contreras reported that he and his Committee (Larry Fuentes, Tony Paniagua, and Paul Biever) reviewed numerous St. Luke graduating 8th grade student scholarship applications. They selected six students to receive this year’s scholarship awards. Each award is for $750.00. The students are: Benjamin Cordell attending Central Catholic HS; Luke Meeks attending Central Catholic HS; Samuel Melghem attending Central Catholic HS; Pierce Miranda attending Central Catholic HS; Van Nguyen attending Incarnate Word HS; and, Alyssa Rangel attending Incarnate Word HS. R.C. noted they have the names of alternate award scholarship candidates in the event any of these students should decide not to attend a local Catholic High School. Regarding the scholarship amount, one member suggested that the amount be raised from $750.00 to $1000.00, now that more money will be available from and after meeting the SLMC/WGD Capital Campaign final payment obligation. It was noted that this is a budget line item, and no by-law amendment is required, in the event it is implemented. Gilbert Ortiz stated the recommendation is taken under advisement, and will be addressed at the appropriate time.
* Nominations/Lifetime Member(s): Terry Sparrow – OOC.
* Finance Review: OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:** None.

Gilbert Ortiz broached an effort to increase club revenue by presenting two avenues:

* Logo Attire: Gilbert Ortiz stated that he is currently looking into availing a Hunting Logo Vest to the Club, and passed out flyers showing two proposed vests. These are bird hunting vests presented in two designs, namely: Green Camouflage and Military Digital. The price would be $45.00 each. After a brief discussion, an interest level was conducted for design and willingness to purchase. By a show of hands, a majority of Members expressed an interest to purchase a vest, and preferring the Military Digital design. It was noted that the SLMC crest would be emblazoned in hunter orange on the vest. Gilbert Ortiz would be pursuing this further and will advise accordingly.
* Fiesta Medal: Gilbert Ortiz also expressed his interest in getting a Club Fiesta Medal. He presented sample medals in 1”, 1 ½” & 2” sizes, and after a brief discussion, and via a show of hands, the majority of Members expressed an interest in having a SLMC medal and in the 2” size. He stated that he would be asking Joe E. Groff, Jr.’s sister about designing the medal, following the design(s) of the WGD booklet covers. The ribbon attachment was also discussed and an array of colors were offered. The Members showed most interest in a blue/gold ribbon. The price of the medal would be $10.00, and once procured the medal will be made available to the Club, and thereafter to be sold during the St. Luke Church Fall Festival as well as during the WGD and Fiesta Week. He will keep the Club informed accordingly.

**Unfinished Business**: Gilbert Ortiz related that he contacted Rico Silvas about returning his “storage” unit keys. He also stated that he has asked Rico to remain as the contact person for the Club’s Gerlach Donation Project. He noted the Club supports the Gerlach “4-H” kids and has a budget to assist with “donations” for those “4-H” kids who raise their own livestock for presentations during the “Rodeo”.

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:**

Gilbert Ortiz announced that Roy Lopez would be taking over the Raffle Ticket Sales from John Martinez.

John Martinez informed the Members that SLMC Member Dennis Lopez, III was ordained a Deacon on June 16th, and will be assigned to serve as Deacon at Prince of Peace Catholic Church. RC Contreras lauded Dennis Lopez on his calling and on his personal friendship with him.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by Rick Hite, and seconded by John Martinez.

**Meeting Adjourned** at8**:**42 pm

**Closing Prayer** led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes.

**Raffle Winners:**  (12) winners: Todd Shannon, Valdino Ramones, Jack Baker, Juan Ramirez, Nick Jimenez, John Martinez, Luis Garza, Joe Perez, Matt Mora (2), Dr. Jose Benavides, and Larry Power.

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**John Martinez Secretary SLMC**