**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Monday, August 20, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes. Special prayer intentions were said for Diane Keller, wife of David Keller, and Isobel Shannon, daughter of Todd Shannon.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by John Martinez.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Father Eric Ridder, a special guest of the Club, was asked to come forward by Gilbert Ortiz to receive the Club’s last and final payment/pledge for the Capital Campaign. Mr. Ortiz arranged for St. Luke’s David Castaneda to photograph this momentous occasion. Mr. Ortiz asked the elected officials, all past Presidents involved with this Capital Campaign as well as any Member involved directly with this pledge initiative to come forward for inclusion in this photo op. Father Ridder thanked the Club for their generosity.

Gabriel de la Rosa, a guest of SLMC Member Paul Rodriguez was introduced to the Club. He was welcomed by the Members and invited to join the Club.

**Birthdays for the month of July & August:** Several members came forth for the July and August birthday honors. For July, the oldest member was Frank Ardila at 85 years of age, and the youngest was Jeff Phillips at age 44. For August, the oldest member was Lucio Garza at 93 years of age, and the youngest was Joey Groff, Jr. at age 38. Everyone celebrating a birthday was recognized with the “Birthday” song.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Steve Dupnick introduced his cooking team consisting of himself, Jerry Garza, Eddie Cruz, Dominic Griego, Russell Phillips, Brad Phillips, Steve Kelly, Eric Harris, Paul Bowen, and Rudy Martinez. The Club thanked them and applauded their great “Shrimp Boil” dinner and dessert.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**: Secretary John Martinez submitted the minutes of the July 2018 general meeting to the Webmaster for posting and website review by the Membership. There were no questions, corrections or deletions, and the minutes were approved and accepted as posted.

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports the Club received a multitude of “thank you” letters and cards from the SOG recipients. These letters were offered to the Club members for their review.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joey Groff distributed the Treasurer’s Report and monthly financials for July 2018. He also passed out the 2018-2019 Annual Budget to the Members. He talked about the$5000.00 overrun from last year’s budget, and answered questions in this regard. He explained the variances noting that in some cases there are no off-sets for expenses/costs incurred like security and cleaning; beer, sodas, and water drinks purchases for meetings, notwithstanding the high receipts for beer purchases imbibed at “special” cooking events; etc. He indicated he will be closely monitoring expenses, and looking to reduce expenses in areas, e.g., entertainment and beer; reducing the attire line item; raising the dues from $5.00 to $10.00 per year; and, being more vigilant in purchases requested. He is hopeful that this year’s budget will be balanced. There was a brief discussion, however the Members were accepting of the presentation. Nick Carnevale subsequently made a motion to accept the 2018-2019 Budget as presented. John Martinez seconded the motion. A vote from the Members unanimously approved the Budget for 2018-2019.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder reported that several checks had not been cashed or cleared. Ralf Meneses added that he was in possession of several SOG checks because he was having difficulty reaching a person that could provide the needed information to forward, or come forward to receive their check. He noted that some were out of town recipients.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes had no report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley had no report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips had no report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz was introduced as the “new” Membership Chairman. He thanked the Club for receiving him kindly.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak will continue to be the conduit for dissemination of information to all Club members, e.g., Wally Fields Christian Services reports on the pastoral care needs of Members and their families, etc. He was thanked for his significant work in keeping the Club informed.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed his report to Gilbert Ortiz noting that he had removed some outdated information, uploaded the July Minutes, and posted general meeting information and the August menu. He also posted the September 22nd Dove Hunt and the November 11th UTSA Family Football Night events to the calendar and attached their respective flyers.
* Christian Services: Wally Fields submitted his “Monthly Report and Prayer List”. The list is extensive and asks for the continued prayers for all Members and/or family members listed.
* Entertainment:
* Rockport Trip: OOC.
* Missions Baseball: OOC.
* Sharing of Gifts Banquet: Matt Mora says he was impressed with the smooth running of the SOG Banquet. He thought it was indeed a success. However, because of the low response in ticket sales, he anticipates an $1100.00 deficit. He will report on it later. Gilbert Ortiz told Matt that he felt rushed to end the program because of an overrun in time. Therefore, in order to avoid a rushed agenda schedule next year, he recommends that the banquet begins earlier, i.e., hall doors open at 6 pm and dinner begin at 6:30 pm. Mr. Mora assented.
* Dove Hunt: Augie de la Cruz reports he is taking sign-ups for the September 22nd Dove Hunt. He noted that one does not have to be a “hunter” to attend. The event is opened to non-hunters as well, and invites them to come and enjoy a day of fraternization and fun. There is to be a “raffle”, scheduled events and door prizes, some of which he says are significant. The entry price varies for Club Members: hunters and non-hunters; and for Non-Club Members: hunters and non-hunters. It is opened to all men, 21 years and older. He and Rick Hite are also selling tickets for a Versa Max Remington Semi-Automatic Shotgun to be raffled at the event. A flyer is available.
* UTSA Football Game: Reno Puente has flyers for the upcoming UTSA St. Luke Men’s Club Family Football Game Night (UTSA vs FIU) on November 10th, 2018 at the Alamo Dome Stadium. This will be a tailgate party starting at 2pm –5:30 pm. Game time is 6 pm. See Reno for further information on this event.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign informed the Members that the “Dance” will be on Saturday, December 8th in the Parish Hall. He and Rick Jones have also secured the band and caterer. He will have more information by the next meeting.
* Public Relations: Gilbert Ortiz reports attending a special Mass on Sunday, August 5th for new St. Luke’s parishioners. All the Church ministries were represented at this Mass. He represented the Club and later provided informational material about the Club. He extended an invitation to the men to join.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses reported a request by Life Skills Living (LSL). The Committee granted a $300.00 donation for this bible and evidence based program. LSL helps at-risk individuals emotionally wounded and acting out. LSL provides Christian life skills that embrace Christ and biblical principles to change their lives and live by these principles. Mr. Ortiz approved the $300.00 check for issuance to LSL. He thanked Ralf Meneses and his Committee for the work they do with these OOC applications, and the extensive and exhaustive work done on the WGD Distribution Parish and Community applications, review and awards resulting in the this year’s SOG Banquet awards.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips introduced Rene Soliz as the 3rd Co-Chair for the WGD. He says the he is also looking for a replacement for RC Contreras, who is stepping down as the coordinator for the stage set-up at the WGD. Also, at the request of Gilbert Ortiz, he will begin seeking new bids for the WGD food items. The early effort is to try to get food at their costs and reduce as much as possible the Club’s expenditures for next year’s WGD. Along the WGD, Mr. Ortiz adds that he is having James Benavides prepare the final “donation” letter for this year’s WGD solicitations. It should be available by next month and available on the Website for Members to download and use in seeking donations for prizes for the 2019 WGD.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: R.C. Contreras is stepping down as Chair, and from this Committee. He will be providing a name to the Board of his replacement commendation to Chair this Committee.
* Nominations: OOC.
* Lifetime Membership: OOC.
* Finance Review: OOC.

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

**Unfinished Business:**

* Logo/Attire: Gilbert Ortiz brought in 40 Digital Camo Hunting Vests (military grade) with the SLMC crest in blaze orange purchased from KEL-LAC TACTICALS. John Hancock, owner of KEL-LAC TACTICALS, a local company, has been able to meet the order, has computerized the crest for sewing onto the vests, and has the selected vests on stock, as needed. This local vendor has been very cooperative and willing to continue to do business with SLMC. These vests are now available for purchase. See Gilbert Ortiz or Todd Shannon for more information.
* Fiesta Medal: Gilbert Ortiz says the Fiesta Medal/design is still in the works. He will bring it to the Club when the prototype is finished. It is anticipated it will be ready by next month.

**New Business:** Gilbert Ortiz reports that Father Ridder has requested all church ministries to advertise in the Church bulletin. He and David Keller noted that SLMC already advertises, and they are exploring enlarging the SLMC advertisement space. The enlargement will involve an increase in the annual charge. It was left for further discussion.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club**: Everett Elstak invited all members who have not had their individual Club photo taken to stay back at the end of the meeting to have their picture taken for the Club roster.

**Motion to Adjourn** made by James Benavides, seconded by John Donellan.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 9:05 pm.

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

**Raffle**: 4 Winners: Josh Gonzales, Luis Garza, Steve Dupnick, and Ricardo Riojas.

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Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary