**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:05 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes, and led the Club in a special invocation of “Thanksgiving” and blessings for all Members, with special commemoration prayerfully recalling the names of the 13 Members who have since passed away from the last Thanksgiving Mass.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Dr. Homer Fetzer.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Rudy Martinez introduced Bill Arriaga and his cooking team as follows: Russell Phillips, Nick Carnevale, Lucio Gonzalez, Jerry Garza, Paul Bowen, Reno Puente, Eddie Cruz, and himself. Accolades for their fine meal of Calabacita with pork, Fideo, Beans, and cake for dessert.

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**: Secretary John Martinez submitted the Minutes of the previous General Meeting. There were no corrections, additions, or deletions. The Minutes were accepted as posted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff reported the Monthly Financials for October in totals of $6,123.00 in income, and $4,806.67 in expenses. These financials are reflected in the line items of the applicable categories within his Treasurer’s Report for Month 2 of the FY2019-20 Annual Budget Report along with the respective balances. – On a related matter, Gilbert Ortiz informed the Club that he is still pursuing receipt of the Church’s reimbursement from the ticket sales of the beer and Chicken-on-a-stick during the Fall Festival. He has called David Castilleja with the Church about meeting on this reimbursement, and is awaiting his call. – Also, Gilbert says that Joe Lopez (Grand Knight of the SLKC’s) has offered to sell to the Club five (5) boxes of wine for the upcoming Christmas Dinner Dance on December 14th. These wine boxes were left over from their recent KC Dance, and he is offering them to the Club for $13.00 a box. Gilbert has tentatively accepted his offer, and has referred this matter to Mike Raign, Chairman of the Christmas Dinner Dance, for purchase follow-up.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder - No report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report, but did briefly say that the Club will need to buy new coolers (20-25) to replace the “old” and broken ones, and two (2) barrel BBQ pits as well for the WGD. He is shopping for them.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 288 Members on the Club Roster with 121 of them on “unpaid” status. He reports 12 new members, and 47 Life Time Members. He says that 27 Club Members will be celebrating their Birthdays in November.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to be the lifeline of Club information to all Members. Gilbert thanked him for his on-going service.
* Webmaster: John Hardin reports his Website updates as follows: General Meeting announcement for November; adding the October's General Meeting Minutes; removing some out dated information; adding the menu for the November's General Meeting; and, adding the new webpage for the Christmas Dinner Dance that allows for the purchase of these tickets online. John Hardin worked with James Benavides and Rick Jones in setting up this Pay Pal System.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields, although in delicate health, remains diligent in reporting information to the Membership about ailing Club Members and/or their families, updates on their recovery or passing away. Wallie is coordinating with Everett Elstak in disseminating this information. Luis Garza is working with Wallie with the outreach aspect, but before he can proceed, Gilbert noted Luis must follow Church protocol and be vetted via a criminal background check. Once completed and cleared, he can conduct his outreach assistance and make hospital and/or home visits as part of these Christian Services.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report forwarded.
	+ Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OOC.
	+ Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly- OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz and Rick Hite gave a light hearted report on the “State of the Union” Dove Hunt. He was exuberant about it being a rousing success, and thanked Mike Lutz and his family for hosting the event; all who helped before and after the event; all who donated door prizes; all who donated raffle prizes; all who bought tickets for any prize; the winners of the prizes themselves; and all the participants. The Treasurer noted that the event garnered $5000.00, and Augie noted that after expenses, the Club profited $3600.00.
* Stewardship Sunday Event: James Benavides reports that the Club sold out on the hamburgers and brought in $386.00. But the event did not lend itself to promoting the Club and/or in recruiting members because it was all dedicated to the food service. He said it was “hard to work the crowd” and “pitch” the Club at the same time. They were simply too busy cooking, serving and selling the hamburgers, and did not have time to “sell” the Club. He thanked all who helped him on this Stewardship Sunday.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign says the Dinner Dance is a “go”, and will be held on December 14th in the St. Luke’s Parish Hall. Texas Road House will cater the event. The main dinner entrée will be a dual portion of beef AND chicken. Tobias will be the featured band. He is coordinating and tying all ends of the various aspects in preparation for the Dance. Tickets are now available for purchase through the SLMC Website. Points of contact are James Benavides (210/279-3168) and Dominic Griego (210/323-6193). The Pay Pal System is up and ready to accept credit cards payment for tickets ($50.00 per person). Only “paid up” SLMC Members can enter free. Tickets must be purchased by December 7, 20019, and all purchases are final.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report.
* Benevolence: RC Contreras fo Ralf Meneses - No report.
* Wild Game Dinner: No report.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow has forwarded the names of the award nominees to Gilbert Ortiz. They will be revealed and presented on the night of the Christmas Dance.
* Finance Review: Paul Beiver – OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* Attire: Vests are still available for sale, but only in large and small sizes. James Benavides has limited articles of Club clothing and is holding a “reduction” sale for the Club.
* Fiesta Medal: SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available, now selling for $2.50 each. Todd Shannon has developed the design for next year’s Fiesta Medal. He has contracted with Monarch Trophies and will have them available by the time of the WGD.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business**: Gilbert says that he will be speaking with Fr. Eric Ritter about the “Seminarian” Dinner Party that Fr. Jim Barlow would hold every other year, ordinarily in February, to determine if he wants to continue Fr. Jim’s tradition in 2020. He noted that due to the various events just completed and pending, should Father “Eric” want to continue it, he will recommend a date and time after the WGD preferably in April – June.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Rudy Martinez and Robert Contreras both thanked the Club for their prayers during their recent illnesses. They asked for continued prayers and spiritual support. **-** Joey Groff, Jr. informs the Club that he has the “Big Bucks” raffle tickets available for sale for the upcoming WGD**.**

**Raffle:** There six (6) Big Bucks tickets as prizes, and a total of 14 Members winning a, or a prize “spot” on a Big Bucks ticket. The winners were: 1-Bill Arriaga; 2-Nick Carnevale & Jeff Pepper; 2-Reuben Bazan & Joey Groff, Jr.; 3-Eddie Cruz, Bill Arriaga, & Joey Groff, Jr.; 3-Bill Arriaga, Lucio Gonzalez, & Steve Dupnick; and, 3-Nick Carnevale, Augie de la Cruz, & Steve Dupnick.

**Motion to adjourn** wasmade by Rick Hite, and seconded by Larry Ridder.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:35 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special prayer intentions for those Club Members and/or their families listed by Gilbert Ortiz. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary