**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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

**Opening Prayer** given by Club President Gilbert Ortiz, with special intentions for those Club Members and/or their families having health issues at present.

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

**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, Jr. had no report noting that he is still processing the Christmas Dinner Dance monies, and will be making his report next month. – Gilbert Ortiz related that David Castilleja with the Church finally called him back regarding the Church’s reimbursement to the Club from the Fall Festival beer and Chicken-on-a-stick ticket sales. He noted the Club would receive $597.96 in reimbursement from the Fall Festival profits, an amount falling short of the money needed to break even for the Club. Originally, Gilbert calculated an $838.68 loss to the Club, but with the KC’s beer purchase of $162.00 and another beer purchase for $37.00, these purchases gained the Club an additional ~~$197.00~~ $199.00, offsetting the Club’s Fall Festival loss to ~~$641.68~~ $639.68. Less the Church’s reimbursement of $597.96, the Club’s loss will be ~~$41.72~~ $41.52. Gilbert reports he is still awaiting the Church’s check to defray Club expenses.

**Club Correspondence**: The Club Secretary reports receiving, reviewing, and dispersing the following mail to the managing Members, namely: 13 general mailings seeking donations from the Club (Ralf Meneses); 1 “Get Well” Card for Deacon Roger Macias returned as “unclaimed” (Gilbert Ortiz/Wallie Fields); 8 letters/cards seeking donation support from 4-H & FFA students with the Gerlach Live Stock Show & Sale (Rico Silvas); and, 4 Texas Dept. of Motor Vehicles trailer license renewals (Larry Ridder).

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: The following are the new members/guests attending this General Meeting. They are Phil Infurchia guest of John Martinez; Mike Stark guest of Rick Jones; Joshua Martinez guest of Rudy Martinez; and, Richard Perez guest of Reno Puente. These men were welcomed and invited to join the Club.

**Birthdays for December**: There were 11 reported Club Members celebrating a birthday this month. However, only two (2) were present and came forward to be congratulated. They were Larry Ridder age 72, and Brad Phillips age 37. Additionally, Gilbert called forward any attending Club Member that had a birthday this year but was absent from the General Meeting on their birth month. There three (3) that came forward, and they were likewise congratulated.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Rudy Martinez introduced his cooking team as follows: Joshua Martinez, Russell Phillips, Jerry Garza, Paul Bowen, Frank Garza, Jeff Pepper, and himself. Accolades for their fine meal of Tamales, Chili con Carne, Rice, Borracho Beans, and pastries for dessert.

**Guest Speaker(s):** None.

**Sharing of Gifts**: Matt Mora - OOC.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder - No report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 289 Members on the Club Roster with 116 of them on “unpaid” status. He reports 49 Life Time Club Members. He also reports 11 Club Members will be celebrating their Birthdays in December.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Gilbert reports that Everett Elstak continues to be the communication conduit to all Members of Club information.
* Webmaster: John Hardin reports his Website updates as follows: 1. General Meeting announcement for December. 2. Adding November's General Meeting Minutes. 3. Removing some out dated information. 4. Adding the menu for December's General meeting.
* Christian Services: Gilbert reports that Wallie Fields had a partial amputation of his right index toe on November 19th. The next day he had an angiogram and angioplasty to an artery behind his right knee that was 80% blocked. He is to return on December 17th for additional surgery on his right leg. This procedure will then be repeated on his left leg. Additionally, on January 9th, he is to have surgery to remove a squamous cell carcinoma. Gilbert stated that Wallie will need recovery time and will be taking a two month sabbatical from his Christian Services duties. He urges the Club to keep Wallie his prayer.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OOC.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly - OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz- OOC
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign reports hearing nothing but favorable reviews for the Christmas Dinner Dance, as well as, for the food and the Texas Road House caterers. He would like to have “written” feedback about this event, and will have a more finite report next month and commentary. Gilbert Ortiz extended his appreciation to Chairman Mike Raign, James Benavides, Dominic Griego, Rudy Martinez, Russell Phillips, Joey Groff, Larry Fuentes and his wife Arlene, Tony Paniagua, Jerry Garza, Rene Puente, Alfredo Avila, Peter Binkley, and Joe Pina for all their work in making this event a success.
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report forwarded.
* Benevolence: Joe Pina reported for Ralf Meneses that the Benevolence Committee received one (1) OOC request from the Church. The request was predicated on Rudy Martinez’s approach to the various Ministries to come together and donate money for a Church Christmas project, i.e., procuring Christmas lights to decorate the Church and Parish surroundings. Pursuant to the method of addressing donation requests, the Church, via Rudy Martinez and David Castilleja, was encouraged to pursue their request via the OOC application process for their needed donation. Joe reported that the application was indeed received and reviewed. The Committee approved a $300.00 donation and forwarded their recommendation to the Club President for his approval. Gilbert Ortiz approved and hand delivered a check from the Club on December 9th to Ms. Dora Talamante, from the Church Office, in the amount of $300.00 for this project.
* Wild Game Dinner: Mike Lutz says that the WGD Budget is being prepared, and are finalizing meat locker storage/processing with Schott’s Meat Market in Helotes. He also announced that Jeff Pepper has volunteered to take over the WGD Raffle Ticket Sales, and encouraged Members to volunteer to help Jeff with this task.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Gilbert Ortiz recognized Roy Lopez recently inducted at the Christmas Dinner Dance as a Life Time Member. He also recognized Paul Bowen the second nominee. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Paul Bowen was unable to attend the Dinner Dance and was not formally inducted as a Life Time Member. Subsequently, Gilbert Ortiz called Paul Bowen forward and had Terry Sparrow, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, formally present him with his Life Time Award Medal, thus culminating his induction.
* 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 also has limited articles of Club clothing for sale.
* Fiesta Medal: Todd Shannon reports that the 2020 Fiesta Medal shipment is in route from China. Monarch Trophies will advise him when they arrive. They will be available for sale at the WGD. 2019 SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available, now selling for $2.50 each.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business**: Gilbert says that he spoke with Fr. Eric Ritter regarding the “Seminarian” Dinner Party previously hosted by Fr. Jim Barlow every other year, and upcoming this 2020 year. He says Fr. Ridder wants to continue Fr. Jim’s tradition in 2020, and has suggested February 7, 2020 for this event. Gilbert says he called Fr. Feilux, at the Seminary, about scheduling this dinner date, and was informed that the Seminarians cannot make this date because they are already booked for several events in the Spring. Fr. Feilux suggested a Fall dinner instead, but provided no date. Gilbert advised him he will speak with Fr. Ritter accordingly.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Gilbert reported that Mike Lutz will be out of town the week of the February 17th, when General Meeting is scheduled. Because it will be important to have Mike update the General Membership on the status of the WGD, the dates of the Executive Board Meeting and the General Meeting will moved to February 3rd and February 10th,  2020, respectively. The Members in attendance for this December General Meeting received advance notice of these date changes, however Gilbert instructed Rene Soliz and Everett Elstak to send out communiques to all Members about this important change.

On a similar matter, Gilbert received notice from Patsy Bauman that Fr. Ritter has closed the Parish and school on Monday, April 13th (following Easter Sunday), and no Parish business, school, or any other activity on campus will be conducted. Since Monday April 13th would have been when the SLMC Executive Board Meeting, Gilbert has changed the E-Board Meeting to April 6th, 2020. The General Meeting date remains unchanged. - Additionally, Gilbert advises that “Patsy” also reminded him not to forget the letter needed for the property owners across the street for the WGD parking. He will pass on this important requirement to Matt Mora in charge of this matter.

**Raffle:** There were six (6) Big Bucks tickets as prizes, and a total of 14 Members winning a ticket, or a “spot” on a Big Bucks ticket. The winners were: 1-Reno Puente; 2-Larry Ridder & Terry Sparrow; 2-Mike Raign & Jeff Pepper; 3-Andy Perez, Felipe Gonzales, & John Hardin; 3-Jack Baker, John Hardin, & Peter Binkley; and, 3-Jeff Pepper, Terry Sparrow, & Larry Ridder.

**Motion to adjourn** wasmade by Rudy Martinez, and seconded by John Stanley.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was by President Gilbert Ortiz leading the Club in a special Christmas Prayer for all Club Members and their families. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary