**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10 , 2020 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by Vice President Todd Shannon in the absence of the President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions offered for those Club Members and/or their families having health issues or special needs.

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

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff, Jr. had no report noting no issues to discuss.

**Club Correspondence**: The Club Secretary reports receiving, reviewing, and dispersing the mail for the month to the respective managing Members, namely: 4 finance/bank statements , 4 tax documents, and 1 TX license renewal (Larry Ridder); 4 Gerlach Livestock letters (Rico Silvas); 1 general mailing for donation (Ralf Meneses); and, a donation letter from the Wash Tub containing (3) 5-pack Full Service Wash Tub Gift Books for the WGD raffle, a solicitation by Steve Kelly (Don O’Brien).

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: “Ray” Campos came on his own. He says his wife read in the Church Bulletin that the Club has a WGD, like those he attended when living in Laredo, TX. She encouraged him to check it out. He was welcomed and encouraged to join. He became the newest Club Member. Also, the Club recognized three (3) Assumption Seminarians: Rafael Becerra, Blayne Riley, and Michael Coronado, visiting following their Mass at the Church.

**Birthdays for December**: Eleven (11) Members are reported to be celebrating a birthday this month. Only three (3) were present and came forward to be congratulated. They were Marvin Berg age 83, Carlos Mora age 69, and Peter Binkley age 67 years old.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Rudy Martinez introduced Brandon Lopez and his cooking team consisting of Lupe Becerra, Sergio Gonzalez, Joe Nino, Bill Arriaga, Frank Garza, Larry Fuentes, “Lupe” Lopez, Rudy Martinez and himself. They were all heartily thanked for their fine dinner preparation of Brisket, Mac & Cheese, Rice, and cake for dessert.

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

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder - No report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes reminded the Club that February 26th is Ash Wednesday, and that the Club will be conducting the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 27th at 6:30 pm. He will need Member participation.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley reported fixing 14 ice chests, buying 12 new cutting boards, being in the process of replacing 4 broken ice chests, and fixing the acrylic raffle drum.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips reports that 42 kids were sponsored recently through the Club’s Gerlach fund. He also pitched the upcoming “Western” Dance for Saturday, June 20th. Flyers to be out next month, and tickets to begin selling in April at $25.00 per person. The dance will be held in the St. Luke’s Catholic Church Hall, and will have a “Steak” dinner, and an “open” bar. The “Freddie Cruz Band” will play. The attire is western.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 294 Members on the Club Roster with 106 of them on “unpaid” status. He reports two (2) new members for last month, and 49 Life Time Members. He adds that 11 Club Members will be celebrating their Birthdays in February.

**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 emailed his Website updates as follows: General Meeting announcement for February; added January's General Meeting Minutes; removed some old information; added the Menu for the February General Meeting; and, together with the help of Rick Jones and Brett Ingram, added the Pay Pal Account code for the Wild Game Dinner customers to be able to purchase individual ticket(s) or table(s) through our website.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields continues to experience significant medical issues, but keeps his spirit high. He is praying for all in need, and asks to be remembered in prayer as well. The Club is urged to keep Wallie Fields in prayer.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik says that the Rockport, TX fishing trip is scheduled for Friday, May 1st thru Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 at the Pelican Bay Resort. The event already has 30 signed-up.
  + 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 says he will be presenting his report at the next meeting.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora - OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides relates preparing the church announcements for the “Bulletin” regarding the upcoming changes to the SLMC Board and General Meetings for February 3rd and 10th. The announcements also promoted the ongoing SLMC Membership drive, as well as requesting dessert donations for the upcoming WGD.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses forwarded no report
* Wild Game Dinner: WGD Chairman Mike Lutz says the Club is coming down to the wire, and will be history in less than a month. He reports that Bill Arriaga is the “new” head cook for this WGD; Jeff Pepper is in charge of the “raffle” tickets and needs volunteers; and, disclosed that a “liquor” vendor friend of his from Kentucky, “Star Spangle Banner Brewery”, has donated a rare 12 year old numbered bottle of “Sam Houston” whiskey (#457 out of 485 bottles distilled) for the live auction. Additionally, his friend also donated three (3) “other” similar bottles for the auction, and these “special” donations are anticipated to garner some high dollar auction buys. Mike also reported receiving a call from the Academy Sports that they will no longer bring in the firearms to the WGD, advising that they will instead have “pictures” of the firearms listed for raffle or auction. They would continue to provide a “gift” card, so that the winner/buyer of the firearm can redeem it at their store. Mike was unaccepting of these changes, and dropped them as a vendor. Through the efforts of Augie de la Cruz and Rick Hite, they reached out to Dury’s Gun Shop and managed to contract them to provide the needed firearms for this WGD. Mike is happy with the quality of firearms Dury’s will provide, noting that Dury’s will also provide “certificates” for the winners/buyers to redeem the firearms; will conduct the background checks; and, will provide its own police escort for these weapons to and from the WGD. Dury’s will have a 30 day pick-up time for the weapon won/purchased. Should the winner/purchaser not pick it up within 30 days, it will be returned to stock (with no re-stocking fee to the Club), and the Club will be credited accordingly. Dury’s will likewise provide a “lifetime” warranty along with the manufactory warranty on new firearms won/bought; and, for the “used” guns, won or bought, will offer a “full” value price trade-in towards a purchase upgrade for a new gun. - Also, his WGD Co-chairs and Committees Chairs will be meeting on February 23rd, and will have their “lessons learned” meeting on March 12th. – Jeff Pepper says that he needs volunteers, and will be giving out a personal prize of a large bottle of wine to the top seller of the top five (5) raffle tickets sales. The remaining four (4) will also get a bottle of wine. He says the value of these bottles of wine are no less than $50.00 each. – Joey Groff, Jr. also pitched the sale of the Big Bucks tickets noting that money prizes would be given to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd top sellers. – Matt Mora says that a letter was sent to the property owners at the Summit for the Club’s parking usage. He also thanked Owen Villarreal for his $300.00 donation for the WGD.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow - OOC.
* Finance Review: Paul Beiver – OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* Attire: James Benavides says he is selling “aprons” at $5.00. He is also selling the new 2020 Fiesta Medal for $10.00, and the remaining 2019 SLMC Fiesta Medals at $2.00 each.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** – John Stanley spoke briefly that the Church broke ground with the 19th Habitat for Humanity house. The construction is moving quickly and swiftly. Dr. Homer Fetzer had pictures to view, and says the 19th House is built in honor of his wife, Sue. Those interested in volunteering can still get with him or go to the website for dates, schedules, and helping hand needs. – Lastly, RC Contreras directed the Club’s attention to an Eagle Scout project by Alfredo Gonzalez, Jr. He says this “Eagle” candidate and his father have constructed a wayside where parishioners/people can sit, rest, and reflect on their personal journeys. It is adjacent to the Administration Building and is to be dedicated to Fr. Jim Barlow. He encourages all to go by and see it.

**Raffle:** There were eight (8) Big Bucks tickets raffled as prizes, and a total of 18 Members winning a ticket, or a “spot” on a Big Bucks ticket. The winners were: 1-Brett Ingram; 1-Peter Binkley; 2-Augie de la Cruz & Sergio Gonzalez; 2-Don O’Brien & Steve Dupnick; 3-Orlando Garcia, Jerry Garza, & Ray Compos; 3-John Bustos, Kevin Kennedy, & Brandon Lopez; 3-Larry Fuentes, Ray Campos, & Orlando Garcia; and, 3-Jeff Pepper, Josh Gonzalez, & Steve Dupnick. Additionally, six (6) other Members won six (6) non-Big Bucks prizes.

**Motion to adjourn** wasmade by Rick Hite, and seconded by Rudy Martinez.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary