St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Monday, AUGUST 17, 2015 at 7 PM

St. Luke School Cafeteria

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Vice President James Benavides called the meeting to order at 7:33 PM.

OPENING PRAYER: The opening prayer was led by James Benavides.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Frank Farias.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS: Roger Caballero and Bob Sheldon.

BIRTHDAYS (July and August): Several individuals stood before the membership to be recognized for their July and August birthdays. The oldest for July: Joe Cunningham who is 84 years old. The youngest for July is 74 years old. For August, the oldest member is Vergil Bohac. The youngest for August is Joey Groff, 35 years of age. Members sang happy birthday to them and they were each given raffle tickets by John Martinez.

INTRODUCTION OF COOKING TEAM: Sam Noriega introduced the cooking team which consisted of himself, Tony Paniagua, Rudy Martinez, Sonny Garza, Leonard Gonzales (sponsored the alligator gar for tonight’s meal), Lorenzo Gonzales, Michael Rivas, Nick Carnevale, Lucio Gonzales and Jerome Barrera.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Joe E. Groff handed out copies of the Treasurer’s report. Groff went over the report. There were no questions or corrections on the submitted Treasurer’s report. A motion was made by David Keller that the report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by John Donnellan. The motion was unanimously approved.

CLUB CORRESPONDENCE: Sec. Gilbert Ortiz gave a brief overview of the correspondence that was received. Gilbert pointed to the fact that much of the mail received were thank you letters and cards from the recipients of our donation to them during the Sharing of Gifts.

REPORTS OF APPOINTIVE OFFICERS:

Budget and Finance: Larry Ridder stated that he had no report.

Chaplain: Larry Fuentes was at the rosary for Wally de la Cruz so there was no report.

Inventory Control: Rico was not present therefore Russell Phillips stated that all is fine.

Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that there was no report from procurement.

Membership: Todd Shannon stated that there were 260 members present, including one new member, 45 lifetime members, 15 mail out members and 41 unpaid members. He urged those that have not paid to do so.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Communications: Henry Garcia stated that he had a meeting earlier today with a person who will be given a proposal to set up the CMS.

Web master: Committee Chairman John Hardin stated that he had no report

Christian Services: Wallie Fields could not make the meeting tonight but in his stead, Jack Riegel Junior stated that he brought some cards and also a notebook where members can write notes for his father, Jack senior. Jack Junior stated that he has not been able to attend many of the meetings, however, he does attend the WGD’s. Jack Junior talked about his dad with much sadness.

Entertainment: Steve Kelly reported on the seating arrangement for the UTSA football game stating that it appears the whole group will not be seated together and we might be spread out. He also stated that today is the last day to sign up and pay for the seats. He stated that a cut- off date had to be made in order to be able to collect the money and present it to UTSA. He urged those who wanted to go and could not pay today to send their payment by mail ASAP. He again asked for additional volunteers to help with the tailgate party. Steve also asked if anyone is interested in attending a Spurs game. Not many people showed interest.

Under this category, Augie de la Cruz, spoke on the Dove Hunt stating that the menu for the hunt would consist of beans, tacos, fajitas, sausage and there would also be a drawing for a shotgun which is a Benelli worth $850. Also being raffled is a Mossberg shotgun. Steve Kelly is doing the skeet shoot and urged everyone to sign up for this hunt.

Public Relations: Tony Paniagua is the Public Relations person. He stated that the fall Festival will be on October and believed it was the second Sunday of the month and will be from 9:30 AM until 5 PM. He said he was going to need many volunteers and Tony stated that Javier Aguilar is in charge. He also spoke on Stewart Sunday and that volunteers for this event are needed. Hot dogs and chips are planned, however, Father Jim wants hamburgers to be available but it has not been decided to add them to the menu.

Benevolence: Ralf Meneses was not present, however, Mike Raign stated that Ralf sent him an email that there were no out of cycle requests.

Wild Game Dinner 2016:

Russell Phillips stated that Don O’Brien was not present because he was at an event involving his daughter. Russell stated that the next WGD chairman will be disclosed at the September meeting.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Scholarship: R. C. Contreras had no report.

Lifetime Members: Out of cycle.

Audit: Out of cycle.

REPORTS OF AD HOC COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:

Logo Attire: Todd Shannon stated that if anyone wishes to purchase a shirt, baseball cap or T-shirt to see him.

Strategic Planning: James Benavides announced that the strategic planning meeting will be held August 22, 2015. For those attending this meeting he asked for them to send him the worksheets he had previously handed out.

Father Jim’s dinner for Brigidine Sisters: David Keller stated that Father Jim has not given him a date as yet.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

Announcements for the Good of the Club:

James Benavides stated that there is a funeral mass tomorrow for Wally de la Cruz at 9:45 AM.

Raffle: John Martinez and George Delgado spearheaded the raffle tonight. The winners are as follows:

First ticket: Tony Paniagua

Second ticket: Joey Groff

Third ticket: Joe Gonzales

Fourth ticket: Rudy Martinez

Fifth ticket: Ben Olinick

Six Ticket: David Keller

Seven Ticket: John Donnellan

Motion To Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Michael Mery. The motion was seconded by John Donnellan. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.

Closing Prayer: Chaplin Larry Fuentes led the membership in the closing prayer.