**St. Luke Catholic Men’s Club Minutes of the General Membership Meeting Monday, September 17, 2018 St. Luke School Cafeteria**

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

**Opening Prayer** led by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions for Cathy Puente, wife of Reno Puente, who is recovering at home from abdominal surgery.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Steve Dupnick.

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: The following guests were introduced and welcomed by the Club at this meeting: Ernesto Lopez, Carlos Escamilla, and Juan Gonzalez. All were invited to join the SLMC.

**Birthdays of the Month:** No Club Members came forward for September.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** The cooking team were Patsy Baumann, Angie Estrada, “Chayo” Cardenas, Lorraine Carreon, and Eddie Estrada. They were thanked for their delicious “Enchiladas, Rice & Beans, salad, and dessert”, and generosity.

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

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports receiving only a “Thank You” card from Russell Phillips to the SLMC, via Wallie Fields: Christian Services, for their condolences regarding his brother Frank. Any and all other mail, previous to date, have been noted and distributed accordingly.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joe E. Groff, Jr. issued the Treasurer’s report. There was nothing “spectacular” to report. He advised the Club will be changing its advertisement size, in the Church Bulletin, from a size #1 to a size #2. The annual charge will increase from $260.00 to $480.00. The E-board approved the change following an appeal from Fr. Ridder to all ministries to upgrade their advertisement or initiate one.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder says that $3200.00 in SOG checks (4) are still outstanding. All else is reconciled.

* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes invited the SLMC to a Rosary in the Church on October 13th for the 101st anniversary of the apparition of Our Mother at Fatima. Also, on Monday, November 19th, Fr. Ridder will celebrate a Mass for the SLMC. It will at 6:30 pm, prior to the General Meeting. All are asked to attend each of these special services.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley spoke briefly on the current change of previously having a beer keg to now having can beers. He noted that the E-Board discussed this expense without reaching a consensus, and allowed him to choose between the two. He chose to try the cans of beer for this time. He asked for written comments from the Members on this change, and will report on it next time.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips said there are three round wooden tables used for the WGD and Dove Hunt that are in disrepair. He will buy and replace them with new ones.
* Membership: Rene Soliz was out sick. Todd Shannon undertook the task of collecting Membership dues.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to serve the SLMC via electronic information, and was thanked for his service.
* Webmaster: Everett Elstak reported that John Hardin posted the General Meeting announcement for September; added August’s general meeting minutes; updated the “President’s List” sent to him by David Keller; updated the “Executive Board” page; updated the “Organizational Chart”; added notice that membership dues ($10.00) for 2018-2019 are now due; and, removed outdated information.
* Christian Services: Chaplain Larry Fuentes reported for Wally Fields on the passing of “Bill Krant” September 4th. Funeral arrangements and related information were provided to the Membership. He also asked for prayers for Cathy Puente, wife of Reno Puente, who is at home recovering from abdominal surgery.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick defers to the following events:
  + Rockport Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnick OOC.
  + Christmas Dance Dinner: Mike Raign says the Dinner Dance will December 8th. The venue, band, and caterer have been procured. He believes the event price will remain the same as last year’s, and notes that he and Rick Jones are working on the event flyer.
  + Missions Baseball: David Keller OOC.
  + UTSA Football Family Game Night: Reno Puente was not in attendance, however it was noted that he has tickets for the Game Night event. He is still taking sign-ups.
  + Dove Hunt: Augie de la Cruz said the “Hunt” will take place this Saturday, September 22nd, and today was be the last time to sign-up for it. The event is opened to adult males, 21 years and over. He advised “hunters” have their hunting licenses, and underscored “safety first”. He says it will be a day of friendship, fun, and fraternity. He and Rick Hite continue to sell raffle tickets for the Remington Shotgun.
* Public Relations: James Benavides had no report.

- Gilbert Ortiz says he received an email invitation from Tina Balderrama to participate in the “Respect Life Multi-Lingual Rosary” procession on October 5, 2018, at 6 pm. The procession will be led by Fr. Ridder and walk the St. Luke’s neighborhood and then return to the Church to recite the Rosary. It is sponsored by the Guadalupanos Society and the Knights of Columbus. The Club was invited to participate.

- He stated he, along with other ministries, attended a Fall Festival meeting on August 29th. The Committee Chairperson, Ms. Martha Schulz, reached out to the various ministries for support in monetary donations and/or goods. She says the Church expended much on Fr. Jim Barlow’s departure and subsequently on Fr. Ridder’s welcome activities. SLMC was approached for a donation to the Committee. Gilbert suggested Ms. Schulze fill out an OOC application. He was also given 25 “dinner” tickets and asked to sell them at the General Meeting.

* Benevolence: RC Contreras spoke on behalf of Ralf Meneses. He says the Benevolence Committee received, reviewed, and approved two OOC requests. One was from the Fall Festival Committee Chairperson, Martha Schulz, requesting a donation for the October 14th Fall Festival. It was approved and a $300.00 check was written and delivered to Ms. Tessie Villiarreal, Fall Festival Committee Co-chair. The other request was from Boy Scout Troop 701 “Eagle Scout” candidate, Ryan Martinez, requesting a donation for his Eagle Scout project. The project is to benefit the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation (WRR) Center, whose mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife back into their habitat, and to provide sanctuary, individualized care and a voice for other animals in need. The project involves the construction of different enrichment toys to help stimulate the natural instincts and behaviors necessary for mentally healthy captive animals. The WRR has donated the fire hose(s) for these “toys”, but funds are still needed for the hardware involved. The request was approved, and a $300.00 check will be mailed to the Troop Treasurer for this candidate’s project.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips (Mike Lutz/Larry Fuentes/Rene Soliz) reports that the WGD will be in five months (March 2019). He says in October, Joey Groff, Jr. will begin the “big Bucks” raffle ticket sales. Matt Mora will also begin his drive to acquire donations.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: RC Contreras has stepped down from the Scholarship Committee, and has recommended Larry Fuentes to be the Chairman. Larry Fuentes has accepted the Chairmanship.
* Nominations/Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow OOC.
* Finance Review: Paul Bierver OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* LOGO ATTIRE: Gilbert Ortiz says the Hunting Vests are still available for purchase at $50.00 each. He questioned the lack of sales (to date only 9 “Vests” sold), particularly in light of the number of Members who expressed interest and raised their hands in willingness to buy one when available. He will take the “Vests” to sell at the Dove Hunt.
* Fiesta Medal: Although the Fiesta Medal is still in the works, Joey’s sister will not be able to design it. The prototype development is pending, and the project remains on the agenda.

**Unfinished Business:** David Keller is still in the process of securing the “signed” Mission’s Baseball player’s jersey for the WGD auction. According to David, the jersey donation is a “promised” item, however does not yet have it. He is pending a call from the Mission’s staff on when it will be available. He will advise accordingly.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club**: Rudy Martinez, SLMC Menu Chairman, spoke to the Membership about stepping up and helping with the monthly meals. He says that there is a $400.00 monthly budget for the menu, and he needs “teams” to come forward, sign up, and prepare these meals. He called for volunteers, and Tony Paniagua stepped up and will prepare the meals for the October, November, and December, 2018. EJ Arnold said that his “Central Catholic HS” boys will prepare the January 2019 meal. Rudy thanked these Members, and encouraged the remaining Members to consider starting a team or joining one. - Joe Pina says he is on the Fall Festival Committee and will be interfacing with Rudy Martinez and Russell Phillips on the preparation of the dinner meal consisting of sausage and chicken. They are to coordinate the ordering and cooking of the meals/plates, in an effort to avoid over/under ordering of meats, and having excessive plates prepared and not sold. He says they will also work with Carlo Escamilla, representative with Cisco Foods, on this matter.

**Raffle**: There were(5) winners: Mario Lazarine, Elizandro de los Santos, Joe Pina, Loren Brown, and Ernesto Lopez.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Mike Raign, and seconded by John Donnellan.

**Meeting adjourned** at8:45 pm.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary