**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:03 PM by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes. Prayer intentions were offered for: - Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; - Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; - David Keller’s wife, Diane; - Wallie Fields’ continued recovery from surgery and other medical issues; - the repose of the soul of Mary Elstak, mother of Everett Elstak, who died recently due to complications from diabetes; - Isobel Shannon, V. P. Todd Shannon’s daughter, who is afflicted with Lupus; - Sue Fetzer, wife of Dr. Homer Fetzer, who continues to recover from major oral surgery; - Amy Smith, daughter of Sam Haynes, recently diagnosed with cancer; - Steve Dupnick, Ernesto Lopez, and Paul Biever’s speedy recovery following their surgeries; - Mary Lange, wife of Huber Lange, who suffers from medical issues; - Henry Garcia who is suffering with neuropathy and back issues; and, - John Bustos’ speedy recovery following his appendectomy.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Troop 405 Boy Scout Sebastian Caballero.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Two guests, Haider Rashid and Reuben Bazan, were introduced to the Club. Haider Rashid is a guest of Reno Puente and, Reuben Bazan a guest of Eric Harris. Both were welcomed and invited to join the Club.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Three members came forth to be recognized for their Birthdays this month. Jeff Pepper is celebrating his 67th Birthday, while George Delgado and Marcelo Barron are each celebrating their 62nd Birthdays this month.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez introduced Scout Master Alfredo Gonzalez, Committee Chair Art Garcia, Ino Badillo, and the St. Luke’s Boys Scout Troop 405 as the cooking team for this evening’s meal. Scout Master Gonzalez praised the Scouting Mothers, Committee Members, and nineteen (19) of the Boy Scouts for preparing, cooking, and hosting the dinner for tonight’s General Meeting. The dinner was “Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, and Dessert”. In closing remarks, Scout Master Gonzalez asked the attending Members, who are former Eagle Scouts, to stand and be recognized. Larry Ridder, Rene Soliz, James Benavides, and Reno Puente, III stood up and were lauded by Scout Master Gonzalez for their continued service as evidenced by the work they do for the Club, and as an example of the continued service that the Scouts do for their community. The Club applauded the dinner, and the Scouts’ service work exemplified.

**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.

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports receiving and dispersing the Club’s correspondence/mail, namely: 2 DOF applications and 1 OOC request for donations were received and forwarded to Ralf Meneses.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff reports, “no special activities”, adding that, “all is standard”.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder made a brief comparative report on the WGD revenues and expenses for this year and last year. He says that in 2018 total revenues were $209,482.78; expenses were $115,566.19; and, the net profit was $93,916.59. **This year (2019), the total revenues were $206,486.83; expenses were $116,264.88; and, the net profit was $90,221.95**. (Russell noted that the Club had to pay for tables and chairs this year, an expense item that was donated last year.) **Notably, the distributable income was higher this year at $90,521.95, than for last year at $66,254.37.** Last year the Club had to make a final $27,662.22 Capital Campaign Pledge payment impacting the net distributable income. However, the Club no longer has a pending Capital Campaign Pledge obligation. Therefore, after the Club receives its percentage allocation from this 2019 net, the distributable income for the Parish and Outside Organizations will be **$76,943.66**, as compared to **$56,316.21** in 2018. A more detailed report is forthcoming by Mike Lutz in his WGD review.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips said that he is in the process of purchasing four large burners to replace the two current burners that are not working efficiently. They will have high pressure regulators.
* Membership: Rene Soliz notes there are 289 Members, with 105 being on “unpaid” status. There are 49 Life Time members.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to be the communications link to all Members for important Club information.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed his report noting the following updates to the website, namely: General Meeting announcement for May; adding the April's general meeting minutes; removing some out dated information; placing the Sharing Of Gifts Flyer provided by Matt Mora; and, the Menu for the general meeting provided by the St. Luke’s Boy Scouts Troop 405.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields continues to report to the Club, via his Christian Services reports, on Members and/or their families’ health concerns and their need for prayers. (Gilbert asked the Club to also include Wallie in their prayers.) Wallie asked Gilbert to remind the Club about the three Mass intentions scheduled for deceased Members, namely:

DAVID C. CANTU ROBERT H. “BOB” DRUMM CARMELO V. RIVAS Sunday, May 26, 2019 Sunday, June 2, 2019 Sunday, July 14, 2019

11:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass 11:30 am Mass

* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik said the event was a success. Twenty-three men attended, and whether they caught fish or not, they all had a great time.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly is advertising the Club’s June 27th Missions Baseball Tailgate event. He still has tickets, and the last day for purchasing tickets for this event is Monday, June 17th. The event is $18.00.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz says that as yet no hunting venue has been found. Their search continues, and consequently, no date has been set. He acknowledges Mike Lutz’s father’s offer to host the Dove hunt in D’Hanis, TX, however he would like to find a place in and around Bexar County. Should they go with Mr. Lutz’s place, the hunt would take place late in the season. Regardless, starting next month, he will begin selling raffle tickets for a shotgun at $5.00 per ticket.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign – OOC.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora says the SOG will take place on July 15th in the St. Luke Banquet Hall. Tickets for the event are $10.00 pre-sale, and $15.00 at the door. Outback will again cater the event thanks to Andy Shalis, and Mike McClellan. Doors will open at 6 pm; dinner served at 6:30 pm followed by the awards presentation after dinner. Gilbert Ortiz will moderate the Sharing of Gifts presentation. Ralf Meneses will assist. The event will close at 9 pm.
* Public Relations: James Benavides assisted Gilbert Ortiz in providing the Club’s meeting dates and event schedule to Dora Talamante for posting in the Church July 2019 through June 2020 Year Calendar.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses sent in his report, and Gilbert Ortiz related that the Benevolence Committee received one (1) OOC request for $300.00 from Sr. Imelda for a Young Adult Ministries event to take place in July. The OOC request was reviewed in Committee, and approved. Gilbert has asked the Club Treasurer to issue a check for $300.00 to be delivered to Sr. Imelda. Additionally, Gilbert relates that Ralf and his Committee will be meeting soon to begin review of all DOF applications received, and the arduous task of determining which agency will receive an award, and how much their award will be.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips – No report. Mike Lutz will present the WGD report at the next General Meeting in June.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Chairman Larry Fuentes reported that he and his Committee (Club Members Branden Lopez, Sergio Gonzalez, and Paul Biever) met and reviewed twenty-one (21) applications and essays. They have made their final selections, and six graduating 8th graders have been selected each to receive a $1000.00 Scholarship to attend their elected local Catholic High School. Two alternates were also identified. The School Principal has their official letter, and the Scholarship recipients are pending notification. Graduation day is May 21, 2019.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow – OOC.
* Finance Review: Paul Biever - OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* Logo Attire: “Vests” are still available for sale in large, medium, and small. James Benavides brought in other Club items for sale to the Members.
* Fiesta Medal: Gilbert Ortiz reports tendering to Joey Groff, Jr. $510.00 in SLMC Fiesta Medals sales. Forty-six SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available. They are $5.00 each.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:**

* Gilbert received a notice from Michael McInnis New York State Regional Vice President of the National Association of the Holy Name Societyin Scarsdale, NYnotifying the Club of the upcoming 49th Annual Convention to be held in Rockville Centre, Long Island, NY October 2nd – 6th, 2019. Interested Members can reach him at michaelpmcinnis1231@gmail.com.
* Also, received was an invitation to the Club from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to attend the “Cincinnati Men’s Conference” on June 15th to be held at the Maximillian Kolbe Parish in Liberty Township, Ohio**.** Members interested may inquire via [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com).
* Lastly, Michele Olivares, Chairperson for the Church Fall Festival, informed him that this event will be held on October 6th. In the interim, she will be meeting monthly with all Church Ministries, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 pm, to provide updates and receive input on plans for this event. Gilbert Ortiz and Todd Shannon will meet with her starting Thursday, May 28th.

**Raffle:** There were 10 assorted items raffled, and the following Members won, namely: James Benavides, Reno Puente III, Eric Harris, Reuben Bazan, Peter Binkley, Joey Groff, Jr., Jeff Pepper, Amadeo Ortiz, and Nick Carnevale (2).

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

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:26 PM.

**Closing Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with intentions offered and reflected in the invocation.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary