**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:02 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes with special intentions prayed for: - Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; - Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; - David Keller’s wife, Diane; - Wallie Fields continued recovery from medical issues; - the repose of the soul of Sue Fetzer, wife of Dr. Homer Fetzer, who died on June 7, 2019; - Isobel Shannon, V. P. Todd Shannon’s daughter, who is afflicted with Lupus; - Ralf Meneses who will undergo surgery for the removal of a cancerous tumor in his throat; - Amy Smith, daughter of Sam Haynes, recently diagnosed with cancer; - the repose of the soul of Jose Andres “Andy” Gomez, brother of Joe Gomez, who passed away June 14, 2019; - the speedy recovery of Steve Dupnick and Paul Biever from their recent surgeries; - Ernesto Lopez who recently completed radiation therapy for the surgical removal of a cancerous sinus tumor, and now due to undergo lung surgery on July 8, 2019 to remove another cancerous tumor; - the continuous health improvement of 92 year old Gloria Ortiz, sister of Gilbert Ortiz; - Mary Lange, wife of Hubert Lange, who suffers from medical issues; - Manuel Ibarra who has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer; and, - Henry Garcia who is suffering from severe neuropathy and debilitating back issues.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Jeff Phillips.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** “Eddie” Garza came as the guest of Reno Puente, and Marcos Benavides came to the Club on his own after learning about it through the Men’s ACTS. Both were welcomed and invited to become Club members.

**Birthdays for the Month:** Seven Members came forward to be recognized for their Birthdays this month. Dr. Jose Benavides was the oldest member at 88 years of age. Branden Lopez was the youngest at 40 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez said this evening’s meal was prepared by Steve Garza and the Central Catholic Alumni crew, namely: E.J. Arnold, Tony Paniagua, John Bustos, Carlos Mora, Mario Lazarine, Joe Olivares, Ernesto Elizondo, Andres Gonzalez, Julian Compian, “Lupe” Becerra, and Branden Lopez. Their sumptuous meal of T-bone steak, baked potato, salad, and ice-cream for dessert was highly complimented.

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

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports receiving and dispersing the Club’s correspondence/mail, namely: 7 - Banks Statements and related financial mailings (Larry Ridder); and, 1 - general mailing for donations (Ralf Meneses).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff – No report.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips stated that he is in the process of purchasing four (4) large burners from Academy Sports to replace the two current burners that are not working efficiently. They will have high pressure regulators. Each will cost $145.00
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 289 current Members with 100 being on “unpaid” delinquent status. There were three (3) new members added last month. Life Time members remain at 49.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to disseminate important information to all Members as received.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed in his report, noting the updates made to the website, i.e., General Meeting announcement for June; adding May's General Meeting Minutes; removing some out dated information; posting the Menu for June's General Meeting; and, adding the revised “Deceased Members List” provided by David Keller. Gilbert reports that John Hardin renewed the “SMART FTP” service for $54.04, and the “Go Daddy” service for $268.50 ($322.54 total) for another year.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields continues to report on Members and/or their families’ health concerns and their need for prayers. Gilbert stated Wallie informed him he may not be able to continue in his current duties due to doctor’s orders not to drive because of his severe neuropathy; and, consequently he may have to step down. Gilbert spoke with Wallie about staying on and performing his duties by telephone. He accepted and will continue in his current position. Subsequently, Gilbert and Todd Shannon spoke to James Keller about helping Wallie with some of his duties. James Keller is interested but undecided. Notably, several Members voiced their opinion and supported the idea of having Wallie manage the Christian Services and have others help him. Luis Garza stepped up to help Wallie. Gilbert accepted his offer, and will refer him to Wallie and advise him accordingly.
* Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OOC.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly is still selling tickets for the upcoming Missions’ Game and Tailgate Party set for June 27th.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente says that he will begin planning the UTSA Tailgate Party to be held on September 14th, the date of the Homecoming Game between UTSA vs Army. He is looking for helpers.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz said that he and Rick Hite are in the process of finalizing the venue for this year’s Dove Hunt. They anticipate the Dove Hunt to be in September on the weekend following the September General Meeting. He will confirm and advise. He reports to have procured a Weatherby O/U vent rib 12 gauge shotgun for the raffle prize, and will begin selling $5.00 raffle tickets at the next meeting. He also has procured a Benelli 12 gauge pump shotgun to be one of the major door prizes. Rick Hite added that they want it to be a men’s “social”, and are planning to have a bus service to pick up for the elder non-hunting men interested in attending and enjoying the socialization; but only if there is a large response of these men interested. He will provide more complete information at the August General Meeting.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign – OOC.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora spoke briefly on the SOG Banquet logistics. Doors will open at 6 pm; dinner served at 6:30 pm; the ceremony to begin shortly after dinner; and, the doors will close at 9 pm. He asks that all Members to attend, and encourages them to bring their wives. Tickets for Members and their wives will be $10.00 each.  Attire will be the Club’s blue blazers with emblem. Outback with cater the banquet.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses presented his report of the grants, review, and awards pursuant to the SLMC 2019 WGD Recommended Distributions of Funds. He said this year the Benevolence Committee had $20K more money due to the Club having completed its final Capital Campaign Pledge obligation last year. He reports receiving thirty-two (32) St. Luke Parish Organizations DOF applications requesting a total of $59,800.00; and, thirty-six (36) DOF applications from Community Organizations requesting a total of $69,780.00. They totaled to $129,580.00 in combined funding requests which far exceeded the available funds of $76,942.00. From this available funding, the Parish Organizations are allocated $40,734.00, and $36,208.00 for Community Organizations. He said the Benevolence Committee, comprised of Ralf Meneses, RC Contreras, Joe Pina, Ben Olenick and Larry Ridder, engaged in the arduous task of reviewing each application, giving it its due diligence. They determined who would receive funding, and managed to make awards scaled in accordance with the available funds and in consideration of amounts requested. 32 of 32 Parish Organizations, and 35 of 36 Community Organizations shall receive an award for 2019. Only one request was denied for not meeting funding criteria. Ralf advised that the Executive Board approved the presented 2019 WGD Recommended Distributions of Funds. At conclusion, Ralf and the Committee were thanked for their hard work. David Keller made a motion to approve the 2019 WGD Recommended Distributions of Funds. Paul Biever seconded. A vote was taken, and by a show of hands, the recommended WGD/DOF for 2019 was unanimously approved by the General Membership. The awards will be presented at the SOG Banquent.
* Wild Game Dinner: Russell Phillips had no report. Mike Lutz presented his WGD report. He 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 $206,786.83; expenses were $116,264.88; and, the net profit was $90,521.95. (Mike noted that this year’s variance was due to the Club having to pay for tables and chairs, an expense item that was donated last year, as well as, incurring a $2500.00 loss for an auction item purchased and reneged on by the buyer. Most importantly, now that the Club no longer has a pending Capital Campaign Pledge obligation, the distributable income was higher this year at $90,521.95 than for last year at $66,254.37. Consequently, once the Club receives its percentage allocation from this 2019 net, the distributable income for the Parish and Community Organizations will be $76,943.66, in comparison to $56,316.21 in 2018. Mike’s goal is to net $100K in profits next year. He is willing to meet with Members who have ideas that will improve the WGD to meet his goal. Lastly, he added that he has refurbished 4 of the 5 trailers, and they are ready for use. The fifth is being serviced.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes reports that the six (6) 8th grade graduating students were awarded their $1000.00 Scholarship on Graduation Night May 21, 2019. The following are the names of the recipients and the local Catholic High Schools they will attend: Emma Segura - Antonian High School; Minh Nguyen - Incarnate Word High School; Anne Rodriguez – Antonian High School; Luke Hayden – Antonian High School; Andres Triana - Central Catholic High School; and, Jackson Mercado – Central Catholic High School.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow – OOC.
* Finance Review: Paul Beiver - OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**  None.

* Logo Attire: “Vests” are still available for sale in large, medium, and small. James Benavides has these Club items for sale, and they can be purchased through him.
* Fiesta Medal: SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available. Price for each is $5.00.

**Unfinished Business**: None.

**New Business**: None.

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

* Gilbert Ortiz reports that he and Todd Shannon met with Michele Olivares, Chairperson for the Church Fall Festival, along with the heads of the various Church Ministries regarding updates and input on plans for this event. Ms. Olivares discussed the types of foods to be served and the ministries volunteering to serve them. The Club will have the “Beer” Booth. Ms. Olivares mentioned to him Fr. Eric’s desire to have a “Chicken-on-a-stick” Booth, intimating the Club might undertake it. He said he would speak to the Executive Board about it, but made no commitment. On presentation to the “Board”, they agreed; and, heretofore Gilbert brings this matter before the General Membership. Rudy Martinez volunteered to take on this task should the Members agree. The proposal was put to a vote; and, by a show of hands, the majority of the General Membership voted in favor of working this booth. Gilbert formally appointed Rudy Martinez to be the Coordinator of the Club’s Chicken-on-a-Stick Booth. He will advise Ms. Olivares.
* Lastly, Gilbert Ortiz called forth Jeff Phillips (a Bexar County Sheriff’s Detective and the Club’s security officer, and the son of Russell Phillips) to congratulate him on receiving a special award from for the Bexar County Sheriff. It was presented to him on Thursday, June 13th, at the Bexar County Courthouse for solving a three (3) year old murder “cold case”. Due to his diligence an arrest has been made, charges filed, and prosecution is pending. Accolades from the Club to Jeff Phillips, and for the service he fulfills.

**Raffle**: There were seven (7) winners for the various items raffled, namely: Paul Biever, Larry Ridder, Jack Baker, Carlos Mora, Carlo Escamilla, “Augie” de la Cruz, and Julian Compian.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Russell Phillips, and seconded by Larry Ridder.

**Meeting adjourned** at 9:05 PM.

**Closing Prayer** was given by Fr. Alejandro with special intentions offered for those individuals previously named, and for Adam Castillo who will soon undergo surgery, and for Ralph Gomez who is recovering from a stroke.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary