**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:05 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** was given by President Gilbert Ortiz in the absence of the Chaplain Larry Fuentes. Prayers were offered for the sick and suffering of the Club especially for: - Larry Ridder’s wife, Pamela; - Terry Sparrow’s wife, Adele; - David Keller’s wife, Diane; - Wallie Fields who continues to struggle with medical issues, and for his wife, Janell Fields, who continues to experience pain and balance issues due to surgical complications following knee surgery; - Becky Avila, the wife of Alfredo Avila, who suffers from Alzheimer’s; - Isobel Shannon, Todd Shannon’s daughter, who is afflicted with Lupus; - Homer Fetzer who recently lost his wife: - Ralf Meneses’ speedy recovery following surgery to remove a cancerous tumor in his throat; - Amy Smith, daughter of Sam Haynes, who is battling cancer; - the speedy recovery of Steve Dupnick, Paul Biever, Ernesto Lopez, Henry Garcia, Adam Castillo, Manuel Ibarra, Ralph Gomez, Robert Camacho following their recent medical bouts; - Allen Lee Fields, brother of Wallie Fields, who recently underwent brain surgery; - Ben Olenick who is being treated for a blood clot in his leg; - Kay Ingram, mother of Brett Ingram, who recently suffered a mild stroke; - Mary Lange, wife of Hubert Lange, who suffers medical issues; - Rudy Martinez who is awaiting surgery to repair an inguinal hernia; and, - - the repose of the souls of Dr. Jose Benavides, Don Jungman, William “Bill” Mc Breaty, Candy Castaneda, sister of Rick Jones; and, Edward “Ed” Clark, one of the founding fathers of the SLMC and former President.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Alfredo Avila.

**Welcome New Members/Guests:** Joe Martinez, Jesse Olivarri, and Joe Garcia were introduced to the Club as new Members. Pat Fetzer, son of Dr. Homer Fetzer, came as his guest.

**Birthdays for the Month:** There were two months of Club birthdays acknowledged, namely: July with 23, and August with 29. Not all were present, but a large number of celebrants came forward to be recognized. The oldest member for July was Joe Cunningham at 88 years of age; and, Jeff Phillips was the youngest at 45 years of age. For August, the oldest member was John Stanley at age 90; and, Haider Rashid was the youngest at 33 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez, Eric Harris, Bill Arriaga, Russell Phillips, Peter Binkley, Gerry Garza, Ruben Bazan, and Dominic Griego comprised this month’s cooking team. They prepared a delicious “Shrimp Boil” with Garlic bread, and chocolate pudding for dessert.

**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: 23 thank you letters/cards from SOG recipients (Ralf Meneses); 1 invoice, 1 Frost Bank Debit Card, 1 bank statement, and 1 returned letter with check enclosed (Joey Groff); 3 bank statements (Larry Ridder); and, 2 thank you cards for the SLMC from the bereaved families of Andy Gomez and Don Jungman (Wallie Fields/Gilbert Ortiz).

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff, Jr. reports that he is in the process of finishing the 2019-2020 SLMC budget, and should have it ready by next General Meeting. He also informed the Club that he will step down from his Treasurer position at the end of this term.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder says that the accounts are reconciled, but there remains at least six (6) SOG checks outstanding that still need clearing. They are from Fr. Eric Ritter, Fr. Alejandro del Bosque, Heralds of Good News/India, Forgotten Child, St. Luke’s Young Adult Ministry (2). He asked Members close to any of these people/organizations to parley with them to act on them.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes had no report per se. However, he did inform the Club that he will be stepping down as Chaplain at the end of the Officers’ elected term. He has already informed the President and the E-Board, and Gilbert has departure under advisement. Recommendations for his replacement will be taken in due time.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – no report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – no report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 292 current Members; Life Time members remain at 49; and, noting 97 members are on “unpaid” delinquent status. He will be sending out e-mails to those delinquent status members, in particular those members derelict in paying dues for 2-3 years, advising them they are in jeopardy of being “resigned” from the Club, if they do not make their dues by September.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to disseminate important information to all Members received from Wallie Fields and/or other Members.
* Webmaster: John Hardin reports that he made updates to the website as follows: General Meeting announcement for August; adding July’s General Meeting Minutes; removing some out dated information; posting the meal for July’s General Meeting ; updating the "Deceased Members" list sent in by David Keller; and, adding the brochures of the Dove Hunt and UTSA Game when received.
* Christian Services: Gilbert reported that Wallie will continue with the Christian Services but in a limited capacity due to his medical issues. He will concentrate on reporting to the Membership, via email, the information learned regarding Club members and/or their families falling ill, hospitalized, or passing away, as well as providing the information to Everett Elstak to

electronically disseminate. He also related that Luis Garza will assist Wallie in his duties by taking over the outreach work, that is, taking Communion and visiting with the SLMC brotherhood that are ill and/or incapacitated. Wallie has already done some preliminary training/mentoring with Luis also providing him with a “Prayer Book” to help him along. Gilbert thanked Wallie Fields for his dedication to the Christian Services, and thanks Luis Garza for undertaking the outreach support work for Wallie.

* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OOC.
* Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly said that the June 27th Missions’ Game and Tailgate Party of was a success. He says that the Missions gave him 4 extra tickets for door prizes, and another 4 for raffle purposes. There were about 64 in attendance. Unfortunately, the event came out in the “red”, and he expects to raise the price next year to cover expenses, especially now that the Missions are a (Triple A) “AAA” team. UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente says that they are getting ready for the UTSA Tailgate Party to be held on September 14th between UTSA vs Army. A flyer is forth coming.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz said the Dove Hunt will be on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Lutz’ Seco Secret BB ranch in D’Hanis, TX. They have a Weatherby semi-automatic vent rib 12 gauge shotgun as the raffle prize. Raffle tickets are $5.00 each. Also, a Benelli 12 gauge pump shotgun will be one of the major door prizes, and he is collecting items to serve as door prizes, such a “Tomahawk” Throwing Ax donated by Terry Sparrow. A brochure detailing the event is available. Rudy Martinez and Russell Phillips will tend to the meal, and Terry Sparrow the appetizers. Augie says that as an added perk, Mike Lutz’s father is making a one-time offer to cook whole briskets for interested Club Members, and have them ready for pick-up on the day of the event. But before he proceeds, he needs to know how many Members are interested, noting that it will be done only by preliminary purchase. The maximum number of briskets he can cook is 31. Brisket weight and cost will vary. See Mike Lutz if interested.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Gilbert Ortiz says that the “Tobias” band has been contacted to be the dance band, and Mike Raign is awaiting their contract. He noted that Dominic Griego and Rudy Martinez will be assisting Mike Raign this year with the Christmas Dinner Dance. Gilbert has asked both Dominic and Mike to contact the managers of Road House and Outback, respectively, for a “bid” price to cater the Christmas Dinner Dance. Gilbert wants “real” silverware to be used for the utensils. Once the bids are received, as decision will be made as to whom the SLMC will contract to cater the event.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora forwarded his SOG report to Gilbert Ortiz. It was noted that the Club was “in the red $1204.00”. Regardless, Gilbert notes that the SOG event was a success, and thanked everyone for making it possible.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report.
* Benevolence: Ralf Meneses reported via RC Contreras, that there were no new OOC requests, and the SOG (Distribution of Funds) went “silky smooth.”
* Wild Game Dinner: Mike Lutz, in-coming WGD Chairman, says that he and his Co- Chairs and Committees met last week. He welcomed Dominic Griego as the newest WGD Co-Chair. He says they are 190 days out before the 2020 WGD. The selling of tables was the biggest item of discussion, especially the VIP tables. They are looking for big sponsors, and he will begin making personal calls to them. He says that eventually, the Club will have to consider a “new” venue because the Gym cannot hold the growing number of guests, noting that last year they had 800+ in attendance. He is in the process of developing the “donation” solicitation letter for Club to use, and preparing the general WGD information for upload onto the Website. He noted that Bill Arriaga will take over Sam Noriega’s place as the Chair of the WGD Cooking Team. - Gilbert Ortiz added that he has initiated the process of setting up a “Pay Pal” system to assist Brett Ingram in collecting payments for the WGD tables. He met with Brett, Todd Shannon, Larry Ridder, and John Hardin via telephone conference regarding this system. He also enlisted the assistance of Rick Jones to set it up and link it to the Club’s website. Once the system is in place, purchase payment(s) can be made via credit card to secure a WGD table. Under consideration is talk of a purchaser being penalized a percentage of the purchase price for reneging on a purchase. - On a related matter, Gilbert says there has been inquiries into the cost of the WGD ticket, that is, how much of it is for the dinner and drinks, and what portion of it is donation. Upon discussion, the consensus was that $50.00 of the ticket cost is for the dinner and drinks, and the remainder of the ticket price is a donation to Church. He noted that Don O’Brien will be preparing a letter to that effect to be posted on the Club’s website for download as needed.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

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

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

* Logo Attire: Gilbert reports that he has requested James Benavides to take taking inventory of all stored SLMC attire, assessing the cost, and possibly letting the items be considered for “raffle”. James Benavides reports he brought in the said items and will make them available for sale to the Members after this General Meeting, citing an array of items available. Additionally, there remains several “Vests” still available for sale in large and small sizes.
* Fiesta Medal: SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available. Price for each is $5.00. However, these too will be assessed for “raffle” iteming.

**Unfinished Business**: None.

**New Business**: None.

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

Gilbert says that Michele Olivares called a meeting of the Fall Festival Committees for August 13th, at 6:30 pm. He attended for the Club, and reports that the meeting centered mainly on the location of each of the booths. In addition, Club member Carlo Escamilla, with Sysco Foods, advised all in attendance how he could help by providing all necessary foods and condiments for each of their booths, emphasizing that he would provide a refrigerated truck to keep all foods for each of their booths refrigerated. This arrangement would permit each ministry to use only the items needed for their booths, and only pay for what they used. This arrangement would avoid over buying and over spending. Carlo Escamilla is available to work with the various committees.

Club member Reno Puente, also a Knight of Columbus, related information from the Grand Knight to inform the Club of the upcoming “A Woman’s Pregnancy Crisis Center” dinner this coming Thursday, August 22nd @ 6pm in the St. Luke’s Parish Center. This is a “Pro-Life” event featuring a guest speaker. The dinner/event is free, and anyone wanting to attend must pre-register. See Reno for contact referral.

**Raffle**: There were 10 items available for raffle. The raffle item winners were RC Contreras, Jeff Pepper (2), Loren Brown, Bill Arriaga (2), Joe Garcia, Adolfo Requenes, Alfredo Avila, and Gerry Garza.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Rudy Martinez, and seconded by Loren Brown.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:45 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was given by Gilbert Ortiz. But before the closing prayer, Gilbert commemorated and honored the SLMC members who recently died and those who have passed on this year.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary