**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2O19 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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

**Opening Prayer** was given by visiting Assumption Seminarian Michael Coronado. He offered intercessory prayers also for the sick and suffering of the Club Members and/or their families, as well as, for the repose of the souls of the recently departed Members.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by James Benavides.

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: The Club welcomed four (4) new Members/guests to this month’s meeting. They were Andy Perez (Augie de la Cruz), Jamie Reed (Gilbert Ortiz), Christopher Lee (Eddie Cruz), and Assumption Seminarian Michael Coronado (Gilbert Ortiz).

**Birthdays for the Month:** Eight attending Members came forward to be recognized for their birthdays. The oldest member was Benny de los Santos at 82; and, the youngest member was Christopher Lee at 49 years of age.

**Introduction of Cooking Team:** Rudy Martinez introduced Branden Lopez and Guadalupe Becerra leading the preparation of the meal for the General Meeting, along with their assistant cooks, namely: Dominic Griego, Sergio Gonzalez, Bill Arriaga, and Eddie Cruz. They prepared “chicken and ribs, potato salad, and cake for dessert”. The meal was delicious.

**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 having previously received, reviewed and dispersing the Club’s correspondence accordingly.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff, Jr. presented the Club’s Budget for fiscal year 2019 – 2020. He broke it down by categories, and explained each line item accordingly. There was no discussion regarding the Budget, and a motion to approve the Budget was made by Paul Biever, and seconded by Ben Olenick. The Motion was put to a vote, and the Budget was unanimously approved. The following is the SLMC Budget for 2019 – 2020.

**St Luke Catholic Men's Club**

**2019-2020 Budget**

**Proposed 2019** **2018 Budget**

**Category Income Expenses Income Expenses**

**Monthly Meeting**

Meals $4,500.00 $4,000.00 $4,500.00 $3,500.00 Beverages $2,000.00 $2,000.00 Monthly Raffle $ 3,000.00 $1,500.00 $3,000.00 $1 ,500.00 Quarterly Raffle $1,000.00 $500.00 Security and Cleanup $2,040.00 $2,040.00

**Entertainment** Dinner Dance $13,000.00 $13,000.00 $13,000.00 $13,000.00 Dove Hunt $3,500.00 $2,500.00 $3,000.00 $2,500.00 Stewardship Sunday $400.00 $400.00 $400.00 $400.00 Fall Festival $1,000.00 $1,000.00 $1,500.00 $1,500.00 Missions Tailgate $600.00 $600.00 $600.00 $600.00 Sharing of Gifts $1,200.00 $2,500.00 $1,000.00 $2,000.00 UTSA Tailgate $900.00 $1,000.00 $1,500.00 $1,400.00 Fishing Trip $3,500.00 $2,500.00 $4,000.00 $3,500.00

**Administrative** Yearly Dues $1,800.00 $1,800.00 Supplies and Equipment $1,000.00 $1,000.00 Christian Services $500.00 $400.00 Attire $500.00 $500.00 $500.00 $500.00 Other $200.00 $1,500.00 $100.00 $1,000.00

**SUBTOTAL** **$34,100.00 $36,540.00 $35,900.00 $37,340.00**

Benevolence $2,000.00 $3,000.00 WGD Income $13,000.00 $10,000.00

**TOTAL** **$47,100.00 $38,940.00 $45,900.00 $40,340.00**

**Guest Speaker**: Joe Pina introduced the Honorable Michael E. Mery, Judge of the 37th Civil Judicial District Court of Bexar County Texas as this evening’s guest speaker. Judge Mery spoke on a Family Law issue, namely: Grandparental Access, i.e., gaining custody of their grandchildren; the presumption of parental rights, and the provisions and procedural aspects of the law.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder reports that all accounts are reconciled. No outstanding checks.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes advises that the October 6th Stewardship Sunday will be postponed since it was dually scheduled on the same Sunday as the Fall Festival. He will advise when rescheduled.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 276 “active” Members with 173 of them on “unpaid” status; 2 new Members; 47 Lifetime Members; and, 169 resigned. He says 24 Members will have a birthday this month.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Everett Elstak continues to disseminate important information to all Members received from Wallie Fields and/or other Members. Gilbert thanked him for his on-going service.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed the updates to the website, i.e., the General Meeting announcement for September; added the August's General Meeting Minutes; removed some out dated information; added the menu for September's General Meeting; updated the "Deceased Members" list sent in by David Keller; and, confirms that the Dove Hunt flyer was still posted.
* Christian Services: Wallie Fields and Luis Garza will be working together on Christian Services. Wallie will undertake the reporting of information learned regarding Club members and/or their families falling ill, hospitalized, or passing away to the Membership via email. He will also coordinate with Everett Elstak in the dissemination of this information. Luis will undertake the outreach support work for Wallie, who due to his medical issues has been limited in doing any outreach. Many thanks to Wallie and Luis for their Christian Service.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OCC.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly - OOC
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente said the UTSA vs Army football game and Tailgate party was a success. He says all had a great time.They had 41 participants.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine (Augie) de la Cruz says the Dove Hunt is a “go” for Saturday, September 21, 2019 at the Lutz’ Seco Secret BB ranch in D’Hanis, TX. Raffle tickets for the Weatherby semi-automatic vent rib 12 gauge shotgun raffle prize are still available at $5.00 each. Rudy Martinez and Russell Phillips will tend to the meal, and Terry Sparrow will arrive early to prepare the “sausage” appetizers. Augie says he has nine (9) orders for whole briskets to be cooked by Mike Lutz’s father. Mr. Lutz can still take eleven (11) more orders. Briskets will weight 15 -18 lbs, and will cost $90 per brisket. Mr. Lutz will have them ready for pick-up on the day of the event. See Mike Lutz if interested.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign says that the Christmas Dinner Dance is on track and will take place on Saturday, December 14th. He says “Tobias” will play. Dominic Griego, Rudy Martinez, and James Benavides will be in charge of the table and ticket sales. Dominic will also be coordinating the caterer contract with either Road House or Outback. Gilbert would like the caterer to prepare smaller portions of chicken and steak to be served together as the dinner entry. Mike noted there may be an increase in the price per plate, nevertheless he will check into it.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora - OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides – No report.
* Benevolence: Joe Pina spoke on behalf of Ralf Meneses, who is still recovering from his recent throat surgery. He said there were three new OOC received, one of which is by an individual asking for “sponsorship” support for a Cancer Walk event. Although noble, Joe said the request it did not meet the criteria for assistance. The other two are under review. Joe also reported that David Keller and Don O’Brien were newly added as members of the Benevolence Committee.

Wild Game Dinner: Incoming WGD Chairman Mike Lutz says he is working on the corporate “high dollar” tables for the upcoming WGD. He has set the levels of VIP Tables, namely: Platinum at $10,000; Gold at $7,500.00; and, Silver at $5,000.00. He feels he can sell at least five (5) such tables. Mike proposes to “re-invest” money from each table sale to buy each table “VIP” treatment, e.g., each table guest would receive raffle tickets; card(s) for a special 52 Card Draw; buy a “high dollar” firearm specially bought for each of these tables’ 52 Card Draw; provide a “goodie” bag with gifts for each guest; have 2 waiters assigned per table to cater solely to them; and, possibly making each a “culinary” table wherein they would get a “special” meal prepared and served. He claims to already have received outside interest in these tables, and will be reaching out to participating and potential corporations, by email, letter, and telephone. He also related to be in the process of preparing a letter to the prospective sponsors for the Board’s review. Regarding the WGD, Gilbert Ortiz says he has initiated the process of setting up a “Pay Pal” system to assist Brett Ingram in collecting payments for the WGD tables. He conferred with Brett, Todd Shannon, Larry Ridder, and John Hardin last week via telephone conference call regarding this system, and 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 with a credit card to secure a table for the WGD. Also, under consideration is talk of a purchaser being penalized a percentage of the purchase price for reneging on their purchase.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes - OCC
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow – no report.
* Finance Review: Paul Biever - OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* R.C. Contreras says he met with the St. Luke’s Parish Building Grounds Committee recently, and reports no significant update on the status of the church alley and its convergence use. He says that they are tackling engineering issues, i.e., CPS accessibility, potential obstructions to the alley, and alley traffic; redesign of the alley and concept of what fits in the area; and more importantly legal issues of what can and cannot legally be built on the alley property. He says this is strictly a church issue, and the proposed use by SLMC to store the BBQ Pits has taken a back seat to the legal ramifications arising. He says that these issues need to be resolved first before any movement towards its acquisition and proposed usage begins. Until then, the BBQ Pits will continue to be stored at the Grissom Rd. storage site.
* “Vests” are still available for sale in large, medium, and small. Also, James Benavides brought in an assortment of SLMC attire items to sell. Gilbert Ortiz and Todd Shannon conferred on the available inventory, and subsequently declared a “50% “clearance” sale of this inventory to the General Membership.
* Fiesta Medal: SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available. Price for each is $5.00. The inventory will be assessed for raffling or clearance for the next meeting.

**Unfinished Business**: None**.**

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** - Gilbert Ortiz reports having attended a called meeting by Michele Olivares, Chairperson of the Fall Festival on September 12th. He says that the various Ministries are working towards the event and all seems to be coming together as planned. He reports that the paper work for the TABC has be submitted so that the Club can purchase the beer. He noted that the Club is in partnership with the PTC group, who will be selling “winearitas”. Both will share in the cost for the TABC license and hiring of the bartenders. PTC will pay for the 15 cases of “winearitas” and for three bartenders, and the Club will pay for 45 cases of beer and three bartenders. **-** Jose Lopez, Grand Knight of the St. Luke’s Knights of Columbus and also a Club member, came forth to pitch the October 12th Dance by the Knights in the Parish Hall. He was inviting all to come and enjoy an evening of dinner and dance. Members can see Reno Puente, himself, or any Knight for tickets.

**Raffle**: There were eight items for the raffle. The following are the winners of these items: Josh Gonzales, Joe Pina, Haider Rashid, Dominic Griego, Joe Gomez, Bill Arriaga, Owen Villarreal, and Frank Sanchez.

**Motion to adjourn** made by Todd Shannon, and seconded by Jose Lopez.

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

**Closing Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes.

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary