**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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

**Opening Prayer** was given by Chaplain Larry Fuentes. Gilbrert Ortiz read off a list of the names for Intercessory prayers for these sick and suffering of the Club Members and/or their families.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by John Martinez.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Rudy Martinez introduced Mike Raign and he in turn introduced his cooking team as follows: Steve Dupnick, Russell Phillips, Ron Willie, Owen Villarreal, Rudy Martinez, Peter Binkley, Don O’Brien, Matt Mora, Bill Arriaga, Augie de la Cruz, Rick Hite, Jeff Pepper, Paul Bowen, and himself Mike Raign. The General Membership applauded their “Oktober Fest” meal of Bratwurst and sauerkraut with red potatoes and German Chocolate cake 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.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff reports no financial issues, and handed out the Treasurer’s Report for Month 1 of the FY2019-20 Annual Budget Report and the projected balances therein.

**Club Correspondence**: Secretary John Martinez reports no substantive new mail was received. All previous correspondence/mail has been dispersed, namely: 4 bank statements (Larry Ridder); 3 invoices (Joey Groff, Jr.); 2 SOG thank you cards & 6 general mailings for donations (Ralf Meneses); 2 memorial thank you cards from the of Manuel Ibarra and Robert Camacho (Gilbert Ortiz); and 2 checks from Martin Rodriguez: 1 membership renewal payment (Rene Soliz), and his $100.00 donation for the SLMC (Gilbert Ortiz).

**Welcome New Members and Guests:** The following were guests of the Club and subsequently invited to become Members: J.T. Garza, Ron Willie, Mario Meza, Frank Hernandez, Jeremy Benson, and Juan Garcia.

**Birthdays for the Month:** The month of October had 30 Members celebrating their birthdays, however only four (4) Members, in attendance from this group, came forth. The oldest member recognized was Dr. Homer Fetzer at 87 years of age; while the youngest member was Larry Dreyer at age 71.

**Guest Speaker:** Joe Pina introduced his wife, Ms. Emma Bedoy Pina, as this Meeting’s Guest Speaker. Ms. Pina, a professional in the Home Health Care and Hospice Industry, spoke on the options and rights of the patient, the “when” and “whys” home health care may be prescribed and conditions therein, and importantly when “hospice” care is integrated as necessary patient care for the families of the sick. She answered questions from the Membership, and offered to assist any Member needing additional information. She was applauded for her topic discussion, her sensitivity and Christian care.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder says that the accounts are reconciled and no checks are outstanding.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes reports that the annual “Thanksgiving Mass” given for the SLMC will not take place this year because it conflicts with the “Healing Mass” being offered on the same day/time on November 18th. Nevertheless, prayers will offered for all Members at this meeting.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report.
* Procurement: Russell Phillips – No report.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 283 Members on the Club Roster. 135 of these are on “unpaid” status. He reports 9 new members, and 47 Life Time Members. Thirty (30) Club Members are celebrating their Birthdays in October.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Gilbert notes that Everett Elstak continues to link all Members with relevant information regarding the Club, and disseminates all information received from Wallie Fields and/or other Members. Gilbert thanked him for his on-going service.
* Webmaster: John Hardin reported the updates as follows: General Meeting announcement for October; adding September’s General Meeting Minutes; removing some out dated information; posting the “Oktober Fest” Meal Menu for the Ocober General; updating the "Deceased Members" list compiled by David Keller; and under the mark your calendar, will add the flyer of the Christmas Dinner Dance date and details.
* Christian Services: Gilbert Ortiz noted that Wallie is reporting information about Club members and/or their families falling ill, hospitalized, updates on their recuperation; or passing away to the Membership as the information is received.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report forwarded.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik – OOC.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly- OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz reported that the event was an “epic” success. He thanked Mike Lutz and his family for hosting the event on their D’Hanis, TX ranch property, stating that Mr. Lutz has agreed to host it again next year. He said it was a blessed event of brotherly fraternization and fellowship by Club Members and friends coming together to eat well and have a great sporting time. He said everyone won a door prize, noting the winner for the Benelli Shotgun door prize was J. Cardenas. Frank Hernandez won the 52 Card raffle drawing, and Chris Wasinski was the raffle winner of the Weatherby. He added that Chris Wasinski, an out-of-town (W. Va.) friend of Larry Fuentes, donated the shotgun back to the SLMC for raffling. Augie will have a 54 Card Draw raffle sale, and is offering it to the Membership at this meeting. He will raffle the shotgun after all cards are sold. He thanked all who helped make this event a success.
* Christmas Dinner Dance: Mike Raign indicated that Road House will cater the Christmas Dance to be held on December 14th in the St. Luke’s Parish Hall. Tobias Band will play. Numbered tickets are being printed, and a flyer was handed out to all in attendance. Only “paid up” members can enter free, and their membership status will be verified. Any “unpaid status” member will have to pay the “public” price of $50.00 per person. James Benavides will be the Club POC (Point- of- Contact) for this event (see flyer).
* Sharing of Gifts: OOC.
* Public Relations: He reports he has been in contact with Rick Jones to get the “log ons” for the “pay pal” and google email log-in for the Christmas Dance. He also reports that the Club is having a “fire sale” for the remaining attire at a significantly reduced price.
* Benevolence: RC Contreras spoke for Ralf Meneses who is still recuperating from his throat surgery. RC says that the Benevolence Committee received two (2) OOC requests. One from the St. Luke’s Knights of Columbus to support their Dance, and the other from the Madonna Center to help pay for security for their 80th Gala celebration. The KC’s received $300.00 towards the purchase of six (6) dance tickets subsequently given to several Club Members to enjoy and represent the SLMC at their Dance, and Madonna received $300.00 towards their event’s security. David Keller and Don O’Brien will be joining the Benevolence Committee.
* Wild Game Dinner: Incoming WGD Chairman Mike Lutz presented to the Membership the prepared Sponsor Support letter attachment of the various levels of VIP Table Sponsorships and the amenities garnered by each level. This attachment and attending letter is to be mailed out to the top WGD sponsors, but also available to any agency/person wanting to be a VIP sponsor. These VIP Levels are 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, and 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 says there is buyer interest in these VIP Tables, and will be reaching out to the top sponsors.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

* Scholarship: Larry Fuentes – OOC.
* Nominations/ Lifetime Membership: Terry Sparrow says that he and his Committee have completed their nominations review, and has tendered the names of three (3) active Members to Gilbert Ortiz for his approval. Those names/candidates will be revealed and inducted on the night of the Christmas Dance.
* Finance Review: Paul Beiver – OOC.

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* Attire: James Benavides has an inventory of clothing, and is selling the remaining attire to the General Membership at a highly reduced price. The items are assorted.
* Fiesta Medal: SLMC Fiesta Medals are still available at a reduced price of $2.00. Todd Shannon presented a rendition of next year’s Fiesta Medal. It is a buck sporting horn rimmed glasses with cross hairs on the lenses. The glasses represents our 20-20 vision and the sight picture of the upcoming 2020 WGD. It will sport a green ribbon. He will contract Monarch Trophies to market them, and he will be ordering 150 of them to be sold at the WGD.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business**: Gilbert relates that Dora T. with Fr. Eric’s staff called him inquiring if the Club would be selling “hamburgers, or something else” on Stewardship Sunday, scheduled for November 10th from 9 am to 3 pm. He will be advising her that the Club intends to sell hamburgers at $2.00 each. At this event, three teams are needed, namely: a cooking team, a team to sell the burgers, and a P.R. team to promote the sales during this time.

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

* Gilbert Ortiz opines that the Fall Festival was not overly successful, and reported a loss in revenue for the Club. He added that the Ministries are to meet to discuss “lessons learned” and compile their critiques to be forwarded to the Church for its review. He said there is talk already to move the Fall Festival next year to a Saturday and later in the month. He also provided his preliminary figures with a caveat that these are preliminary figures which may change once the accounts are configured.

For example, he added that the Club had 26 cases of beer left over after the event, noting that Joe Lopez (Grand Knight of the SLKC’s) struck a deal with him for KC to purchase twelve (12) cases of beer for their Dance on October 12th for an agreed price of $18.00 each. The KC’s only used nine (9) and paid the Club $162.00 for them. Gilbert says Jose was to assist him in finding buyers through other KCs for the remaining 15 cases of beer. Peter Binkley added that “Patsy” Bauman sold 2 more cases for an additional $36.00. Predicated on this being a “preliminary” summary and the caveat therein, he reported his figures, as follows:

CLUB INCOME:

Beer Sales (Number of tickets sold = 1429 @ $0.50 each)………………………$714.50

Chicken/Stick Sales (Number of tickets sold = 1882 @ $l.0.50 each)….…..$941.00

PTC Reimbursement (TABC, wine & 2 bar tenders) ……………………………..…$614.80

**INCOME** **SUBTOTAL $2,270.30**

Less 20% from income/profit for St. Luke Church………………………………… ($454.06)

**SLMC TOTAL INCOME/PROFIT $1,816.24**

CLUB EXPENSES**:**

Beer purchases………………………………………………………………………………......$1,158.00

TABC License…………………………………………………………………………………………$ 231.00

Texas Personnel (5 bar tenders)…………………………………………………………….$ 540.00

Chicken/Stick Purchases (Sysco) ..………………………………………………………….$ 725.92

**SLMC EXPENSE TOTAL $2,654.92**

**LOSS TO CLUB $838.68**

* On another item of Club interest, Dr. Homer Fetzer related that the “hard hat” will be passed at the Church Masses this weekend for donations to the Habitat for Humanity. St. Luke is part of nine (9) 2019 Habitat House sponsors to help built new affordable homes for low income hard working families. The St. Luke Habitat House it will be named the “Sue Fetzer” House in honor of his wife, who recently passed away. He is asking the Club Members to reach into their pockets and donate towards this benevolent cause, and invites all to be part of the construction team.

**Raffle:** There were fourteen (14) items raffled at this Meeting. The following are the names of the winners: Tony Paniagua (2), Joey Groff, Jr, Larry Fuentes, Augie de la Cruz, Steve Dupnick, Bill Arriaga, Juan Gonzalez, Jeff Pepper, R.C. Contreras, Don O’Brien (2), Frank Sanchez, and Felipe Gonzalez. Additionally, Larry Ridder was the winner of the raffled Weatherby Shotgun from this evening’s 54 card draw.

**Motion to adjourn** wasmade by John Martinez, and seconded by Russell Phillips.

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

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

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Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary