**ST. LUKE CATHOLIC MEN’S CLUB MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2020 ST. LUKE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

**Call to Order** at 7:00 pm by President Gilbert Ortiz.

**Opening Prayer** given by Club President Gilbert Ortiz with special intentions offered for those Club Members and/or their families having health issues or special needs.

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

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**: Secretary John Martinez submitted the Minutes of the previous General Meeting correcting a “typo” of “$197.00” to $199.00 on the “Treasurer’s Report” section. The $199.00 reflects the additional total “beer purchases” by the KC, etc. in offsetting the overall suspected loss. The corrected information has been forwarded to John Hardin for posting accordingly. There were no other corrections, additions, or deletions. The Minutes were accepted as noted.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer Joey Groff, Jr. had no report noting that he is still processing the Christmas Dinner Dance monies, and will be making his report next month. – Gilbert Ortiz reports receiving the Fall Festival reimbursement check from Fr. Ritter in the total amount of $775.34, i.e., $571.60 for the Beer Booth sales and $203.74 for the Chicken-on-the-stick ticket sales. Gilbert reports the Club did not sustain a loss, as previously thought, but instead a profit of $135.66. The check has been forwarded to the Treasurer for processing.

**Club Correspondence**: The Club Secretary reports receiving, reviewing, and dispersing the following mail for the month to the respective managing Members, namely: : 1 reimbursement check from Fr. Ritter in the amount of $775.34 for the Fall Festival proceeds for beer ($571.60) and Chicken-on-a-stick ($203.74) (Gilbert Ortiz); 4 bank statements (Larry Ridder); 65 Gerlach Livestock letter/cards (Rico Silvas); 4 general mailings for donations (Ralf Meneses); 1 “Save the Date” card invitation for tickets, etc. from the San Fernando Catholic & Safety Fair Gala event scheduled for 2/7/2020 that will honor posthumously Dr. Jose Benavides and celebrate 29 years of promoting a healthy San Antonio (Gilbert Ortiz); and, from the Church office, a glass plaque SLMC Life Time Member award commemorative for John Colannino left for the Club by the Colannino Family (Gilbert Ortiz).

**Welcome New Members/Guests**: The following are the new members/guests attending this General Meeting. They are Alfred Vasquez (new member) invited by “Richard”…; Edward Reyes (new member) invited by Toni Paniagua and Steve Garza; and, Mike Casio guest of Russell Phillips. These men were welcomed and invited to join the Club.

**Birthdays for December**: Per Membership Chairman, Rene Soliz, there are 15 Members reported to be celebrating a birthday this month. Only three (3) were present and came forward to be congratulated. They were Mike Stark age 73, Rick Hite age 67, and Luis Garza age 57 years old.

**Introduction of Cooking Team**: Rudy Martinez introduced the cooking team of the SLMC’S Central Catholic Alumni, namely: Steve Garza, John Bustos, Carlos Mora, Tony Paniagua, Brandon Lopez, Mario Lazarine, Andres Gonzalez, Paul Rodriguez, “Gabe” de la Rosa, Nick Carnevale, and Julian Cumpian. They were all congratulated on their fine menu of a T-Bone steak dinner, bake potato, salad, and dessert.

**Guest Speaker(s):** None.

**Reports of Appointive Officers:**

* Budget & Finance: Larry Ridder - No report.
* Chaplain: Larry Fuentes – No report.
* Inventory Control: Peter Binkley – No report
* Procurement: Russell Phillips reported buying three (3) new fryer roasters to replace the “old” ones, and is in the process of getting three (3) new BBQ pits to replace three (3) of the Club’s corroded pits. – He also spoke on the upcoming “Western” Dance for Saturday, June 20th. Tickets will begin selling in April at $25.00 single or $50.00 a couple. The dance will be held in the St. Luke’s Catholic Church Hall, and it will have a “Steak” dinner and an “open” bar. The “Freddie Cruz Band” will play. The attire is western.
* Membership: Rene Soliz reports 292 Members on the Club Roster with two (2) new members added last month. Unfortunately, 113 Members of these remain on “unpaid” status. To date, there are 49 Life Time Club Members, and 15 Club Members will be celebrating their Birthdays in January.

**Reports of Standing Committees:**

* Communications: Gilbert reports that Everett Elstak continues to be the communication conduit to all Members of Club information.
* Webmaster: John Hardin emailed his Website updates as follows: General Meeting announcement for January; adding December's General Meeting Minutes; removing some out dated information; and adding the T-bone steak menu for the January General meeting. Gilbert says that John will be working with Rick Jones to set up the “Pay Pal” System for the WGD and for Brett Ingram’s table sales.
* Christian Services: Gilbert Otiz reported that Wallie Fields has undergone significant medical procedures starting with a partial amputation of his right index toe on November 19th, followed by surgery on the next day to his right leg with an angiogram/angioplasty of an artery behind his right knee that was 80% blocked. Then on December 17th he had this procedure repeated on his left leg. Additionally, on January 9th, he underwent a 7 ½ hour surgery to remove squamous cell carcinomas from the top of his head. Wallie has been informed by doctors that all cancerous areas were removed. Wallie is weak, his energy is low, but his spirit is high. He will need recovery time. In spite of it all, Wallie continues to pray for all in need. He asks that he too be remembered in prayer. Gilbert urges the Club to keep Wallie Fields in prayer.
* Entertainment: Steve Dupnick – No report.
  + Fishing Trip: Steve Dupnik and Rick Jones have set up the Rockport, TX fishing event at the Pelican Bay Resort for Friday, May 1st thru Sunday, May 3rd, 2020. The cost is $400.00 per person which includes food, lodging & drinks, and a guided fishing trip with tackle and bait on Saturday. However, for those not wanting the guided fishing, it is $175.00 for lodging, food, & drinks only. For those wanting to partake only in the food & drinks, it will be $50.00. Any other activity is “pay as you go”, e.g., Friday afternoon golfing at the Rockport Country Club. There will be a Shrimp Boil on Friday night in the Clubhouse; sandwiches after the guided fishing; steak dinner on Saturday evening; and, breakfast on Sunday morning. The event can accommodate 25 men, and sign-ups are in process. Travel arrangements are on the individuals.
  + Missions Baseball/Tailgate Event: Steve Kelly - OOC.
* UTSA FOOTBALL GAME: Reno Puente – OOC.
* Dove Hunt: Augustine de la Cruz- OOC
* Christmas Dinner Dance: - Mike Raign - No report forwarded. James Benavides previously reported collecting $6400.00 in Dinner Dance monies. This money has been tendered to the Treasurer Joey Groff for his accounting and for his financial report. – On a related matter, Gilbert Ortiz reported that Mike Raign is stepping down as Chairman of this event, and that he will take the Chairmanship for the 2020 event.
* Sharing of Gifts: Matt Mora - OOC.
* Public Relations: James Benavides will be preparing church announcements for the Sunday Masses about the upcoming changes to the SLMC Board and General Meetings for February 3rd and 10th. The announcements will also include the information related to the San Fernando Catholic & Safety Fair Gala on 2/7/2020 posthumously honoring SLMC Life Time Member Dr. Jose Benavides and his work with the health fair; promoting the ongoing SLMC Membership drive: and, lastly requesting dessert donations for the upcoming WGD.
* Benevolence: David Keller spoke on behalf of Ralf Meneses. He reports that the San Fernando Catholic & Safety Fair Gala scheduled for February 7th and honoring Dr. Jose Benavides posthumously applied for an OOC donation of $1000.00. The Committee met, considered their request, and approved the maximum OOC donation of $300.00 for their event. He adds that the organization may also reach out for an additional donation via the SOG application process during the “open” season between March 15th and May 15th, and so advised.
* Wild Game Dinner: Chairman Mike Lutz had a computer presentation of the WGD brochure, and the budget. He highlighted some changes in certain line items, e.g., reviewing administrative costs like “credit card” processing; increasing the table revenue from $79,800 to $85,000 indicating that he is banking on the sales of not only the “regular” tables but also on the high dollar VIP tables and new table sponsors; increasing the Big Bucks to $25,000.00; noting that a “liquor” vendor friend of his from Kentucky, i.e., “Star Spangle Banner Brewery” has donated a rare numbered “Sam Houston” bottle of whiskey (#457 out of 485 bottles distilled)for the live auction. Additionally, his friend also donated four (4) “other” bottles for the auction, and these “special” types of donations are anticipated to garner some high dollar auction buys. In other areas, Mike reports that the Club will not be working with the Schott’s Meat Market in Helotes, and he is renegotiating with Dziuk’s Locker in Castroville along with the “Primos” locker storage in Hondo. He thanked Club Members like Paul Bowen for adding railings for the BBQ Pits; Adam Castillo for reaching out to Toyota of SA for a donation, and Carlos Mora for his $200.00 donation. Also Don O’Brien called on the Club Members to rally the donations effort. Following the budget presentation, Gilbert took a vote, by show of hands, from the General Membership to accept the WGD Budget. The show of hands was unanimous, and the Budget was accepted as presented. - On a related matter, there was discussion on using the “media” to promote the WGD. Mike he is looking into it, and will be getting together with KTSA, TV and radio personalities about an “earned media” segment. He hopes to talk to them during their shows about the WGD and the charitable profit benefits to the community and St. Luke’s. - Also, his WGD Co-chairs and Committees Chairs will be meeting on Thursday, February 23rd. He also reminded the Club that they will need help with the cleaning of the BBQ pits on February 15th. Lastly, he relates that his parents will again host the WGD “sausage” making at their Seco Bed & Breakfast ranch property in D’Hanis, TX on February 22n. . The sausages prepared are for the WGD.

**Reports of Special Committees:**

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

**Reports of Ad Hoc Committees:**

* Attire: Vests are still available for sale, but only in large and small sizes. James Benavides also has limited articles of Club clothing for sale.
* Fiesta Medal: Todd Shannon brought in the new 2020 Fiesta Medal, and is selling them for $10.00, Sales will continue until shipment is sold out. He also noted that James Benavides has the 2019 SLMC Fiesta Medals also for sale at $2.00 each.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business**: None.

**Announcements for the Good of the Club:** Gilbert again reminded the Club of the changes in meeting dates in February. The Executive Board and General Meeting will be moved to February 3rd and February 10th, respectively because Mike Lutz will be out of town the week of February 17th and will be unable to provide the Club with the final update on the WGD, and will do so on February 10th. He urged the Club to calendar these new dates respectively. – Dr. Homer Fetzer reminded the Members about volunteering for the Habitat for Humanity House the Church will be building. He says it will be the 19th House and will be built in honor of his wife, Sue. Those interested in volunteering can get with him or go to the website for dates, schedules, and needs. – Steve Garza came forward to remind the Members that the Guadalupanos Society of St. Luke will be having their Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 9th, and they need help with making the food as well as other preparations to take place on February 1st -3rd, and with the serving on the 9th. Please see him if anyone can help. – Lastly, Gilbert Ortiz reminded Members of their civic duty to “vote”, and about the “early” voting beginning February 18th.

**Raffle:** There were eight (8) Big Bucks tickets raffled as prizes, and a total of 18 Members winning a ticket, or a “spot” on a Big Bucks ticket. The winners were: 1-Felipe Gonzalez; 1-Ernie Velez; 2-Steve Dupnik & Augie de la Cruz; 2-Joe Garza & David Keller; 3-Paul Bowen, Julian Cumpian, & Russell Phillips; 3-Brandon Lopez, Don O’Brien, & Christopher Lee; 3-Terry Sparrow, Augie de la Cruz, & Edward Reyes; and, 3-Tony Paniagua, Rick Hite, & Gerry Garza. Additionally, 10 other Members won ten (10) non-Big Bucks prizes.

**Motion to adjourn** wasmade by “Gizmo” Gonzales, and seconded by David Keller.

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:46 pm.

**Closing Prayer** was led by Larry Fuentes, and President Gilbert Ortiz added a prayer of Thanksgiving for Ernesto Lopez whose cancer is in remission. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Respectfully Submitted, John A. Martinez, SLMC Secretary