

St Clare of Assisi Men's Club Minutes, November 2, 2015

In attendance--50 Members, 1 Priest and 4 officers

Meeting Called to order – 7:48 pm

Opening prayer lead by Bill Cannon followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

We welcomed no new members to the Men's Club.

-Minutes from the October, 2015 meeting were read – there was a motion to accept By Don Benjamin - 2nd by Don Brien and the minutes were accepted by the members.

-Treasury report was read. Discussion followed. See below.

OLD BUSINESS

-Men's Club showed up to change lights in the Church again. Thank you for those who helped.

-TV cable box not working yet.

-Left over Oktoberfest water will be donated to PTO Trivia night.

NEW BUSINESS / Open Floor

-Christmas Party December 3rd at 6pm -11:30pm at Clancy's. Please bring a door prize donation and a toy which will be donated to our sister parish for Christmas presents. Members will need to pay dues and \$5 for a wristband to partake of the snack food and open bar.

- Breakfast with Santa Will be Dec 6th. Cooks start at 5:30 am and we need volunteers for the cleanup crew to start at 11:30-noon. Signup sheet went out. We cook for 6:30, 8, and 10 am Masses.

- Lou Pavia Sr. will mail the care packages for our overseas military.

- Oktoberfest- Needs some new Chairmen Please see Alexander if you want to volunteer for a 1 year stint as a Chairman.

- Bill Cannon let us know there is no House party at his daughter's mansion this year but there is a \$50/couple K of C party at a house your wife would love to visit. The Clarions also are having a \$25 Christmas party in the Cafeteria. See Bill for Information.

- Treasury report/Discussion on Men's Club mission—The report was read and we went into a lot of discussion over the profitability of this year's Oktoberfest what went right and what went wrong. Profit was \$6500.00. Ticket sales were down. No revenue from a Bill Cannon party due to no attendance last year from Men's Club. Some suggested we cancel Oktoberfest due to the work involved and the low return. Others reminded everyone that we are also furthering our mission to help build community in the parish and that it is fun for the kids so if we only make \$6500 we still fulfil our mission and it was rightly pointed out that \$6500 is still a profit. President Alexander spoke to the mission of the club. Let's not throw out the good with the bad. He mentioned that it has been said that the Men's club raises money for themselves and just to throw a Christmas Party for the members. That perception is false and there are numerous hours of time spent cooking for picnics and breakfasts, changing light bulbs, tearing out carpet, spreading mulch and many other things. Let's make sure that we advertise what we do for the Parish. By the way the goal is to give away the money we raise and pay for the Christmas party out of Dues and meeting and Christmas party 50/50 and door prize auction revenue. The Christmas party bill is paid out of that money not the money we raise at the golf tournament or Oktoberfest. That is why it is so important to pay your dues, pay for the wristband and buy a door prize ticket or two.

-Lou Pavia brought up the Breakfast we do for the Men's Club mainly the Santa and Grandparent's breakfast and asked why don't we charge for them? He believes people would be willing to pay. Bob Meilink (Parkway) reminded everyone that we never intended the breakfasts to be fund raisers and that we do put out a donation bowl and that we generally come close to breaking even and that is fine. He said we need to advertise more about the hours we spend doing work for the parish, Don Benjamin reminded us that he has asked the secretary to better publish the things we do on the website and he has offered to help. Ken Carpio pointed out that the perceptions are wrong and that during his time on the Parish council he never heard anything but good feelings spoken about the work of the Men's Club for the parish.

-Please see Mr. Berblinger to get your Entertainment books.

- It was asked if anyone knew of any parish families in need this Christmas. If so maybe we could help them out as a club with Christmas. President Alexander was going to get with the parish St. Vincent De Paul and ask Monsignor Callahan if he knew of any that needed help.

- K of C special needs dance on November 14th after the Saturday 5pm mass.

- Jeff Meyer suggested we have a committee meet with Monsignor to decide how and where to donate our proceeds to the parish. Barry Burke asked how much we need to keep on hand for the Golf tournament and Oktoberfest. He wanted to make sure we donate the rest to the parish. Keith Laurie reminded everyone that a council of past presidents was set up to address the donations needed in excess of \$250 so we can make sure we don't get into long discussions like this in general session. He suggested any donation of the bank balance be moved to Mike Pools commission for discussion with Monsignor on what the parish needs were. The discussion lingered on but I will stop here since I think everyone has the gist of it now...

Miscellaneous

- Thank you notes were read by Vice President Curt Meyer.

- The next men's club meeting will be December 7th, 2015.

- Remember to pay your dues for the year 2016. Dues are \$20. Jeff will be collecting and checking dues status at the door of the Christmas Party for numerous reasons mentioned above. Please be ready with the funds for 50/50, Door prize raffle tickets, dues and wristband.

-50/50 – \$115 won by Pat Meara, Rico Red won by Barry Buerke, Callahan Swill won by Jim Bannes.

Special prayer intentions were heard and Pat led the closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned 9:05 pm.

God Bless us,

Bob Hymes

St. Clare of Assisi Men's Club Secretary