

St. Clare of Assisi Men's Club Meeting Minutes: October 3, 2016

In Attendance: 3 Officers; 1 Priest; and 48 Members.

Meeting came to order at 7:45 p.m. Bill Cannon led the Club in the Pledge of Allegiance. President Curt Meyer led the opening prayer.

New members: Tony Whitworth, Joe Held and Kevin Leighton (who has a Men's Club polo shirt but had never been to a meeting – so he counts as a new member) were identified and applauded for their attendance. Held now holds a record by joining the Men's Club within 2 weeks of becoming an SCA parishioner.

The minutes from the September meeting were read by Secretary Josh Engelbart. Barry Buerke stated he would like to amend the minutes by motion. The portion of the minutes which were offensive to Brother Buerke were reread and his motion was quashed. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Paul Goevert on behalf of Mike Pool. The Goevert/Pool motion to accept was seconded by Tim Newberry with another nod to Pool. 46 yays and 1 nay (Barry).

Thereafter, Treasurer Jeff Meyer's Report was delivered by President Curt Meyer. Somehow he dropped the ten-thousands column when informing the members about the balance for the Club's account. Many members gasped and for a moment thought they now knew why Jeff Meyer was no-show at the meeting tonight. The oversight was quickly corrected. A motion to accept the report was made by Bill Durbin and Bill Deemer seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

A sympathy card for Father Christopher with regard to his mother's recent passing was signed by the members in attendance and Monsignor will deliver the card to him as he has moved on to serve the parish of Sacred Heart in Valley Park.

Old Business:

Oktoberfest: Chairman Matt Alexander started the update. A sign-up sheet for work shifts was passed around. Sign up now and get a favorable shift. All members are expected to contribute with their talents and work a shift (with beer in hand). Everything is basically set to unfold according to plan, with the exception of the carnival's location remaining unsettled. Men's Club has not been given clearance to enter the newly renovated gym until the bleacher installation is completed. Monsignor Callahan explained the reasons why no access to the gym is being provided to the Club. Much debate was had on alternatives. It was made clear that No Gym Access means No Gym Access. Some had a hard time understanding or processing the absoluteness of the directive. The back-up plan for the carnival, sans gym, is to use the cafeteria. Monsignor took to his cell to phone Mrs. Sinnett to inquire about the school kids bringing a brown bag lunch on Friday to allow for the carnival set up to occur in the cafeteria starting on Thursday after 2:00 p.m. That was approved. The kids will eat in

the classrooms. Setting up the carnival booths in the cafeteria brings some headaches, is less than ideal and will result in the carnival being smaller. Everyone is pulling for the gym to be completed so that this important fundraiser is held in all, and to its fullest, glory! 50/50 Raffle has generated \$3,780 to date per Greg Guntli. President Curt Meyer urged every member to text 6, 8 or 10 friends to hit them up with a text to buy 50/50 Raffle tickets. Curt exhausted his friend's list at 10. Steiny informed there is \$2,000 sponsorship void and we will try to make that up in ticket sales and with other companies making smaller sponsorships.



Paul Goevert (culinary chair) then gave his address as Foghorn Leghorn (complete with costume) and announced to the fine sirs in attendance that the sensational and new jewel of the food tent is: warmed open faced pretzel bun with full-sized bratwurst, smothered in sauerkraut, served with a side of German-style potato salad. Pepper bellies are new to the event as well. Jim Bannes (Beer chair) informed of price changes, increased pitcher size and that this year in addition to our traditional Bud family of beers (Bud, Bud Light, Amberbock), Goose Island's Oktoberfest and others have been added to the tappers. All beer, no matter the flavoring, will be the same price! Das ist gut! Carnival chair John Droege needs Kids' raffle items and man power on Thursday for the carnival set up. Set up/Clean-up was discussed. Please come at 2 O'clock to help on Thursday if you have no job or other obligations. Jake Carpio has many hands committed to help Thursday night. Need all hands on deck to tear down to make it easier on everyone. Auction items discussed. Auction will be next to the sign-up and ticket

booth outside. Jeff Meyer has donated use of condo in Hawaii. "The objector" commented on this. Propane tanks (12-14) are needed. They will be returned if you put your name on the tank you bring up. **Fellas we need all of you to pull in one direction and help out! Pizza and beer provided to those that work set up on Thursday night. Come up after work. Donuts to be provided as breakfast to those that help on Friday morning.**

New Business:

RCIA – Rite of Welcoming: Men's Club is donating the food for breakfast on 10/30 after 8:00 a.m. Mass. Paul Goevert has been informed by his wife that he is sitting this one out, but would like someone to oversee the breakfast. Keith Laurie stepped up to fill the void. McD's or donuts were discussed as the food options. Paul would like to see yogurt and berries offered. We need a couple of members to assist Keith on this event.

Advent By Candlelight: This is held after the Men's Club puts on the Santa Breakfast for the parish's children and families on 12/4. We have been asked to help set up the piano, tables, stage and microphones for this other parish event. About 1 hour is needed. The Men's Club is happy to assist.

Open Mic: Barry Buerke wants to know where the By-Laws have gone. Discussion was held as to why he wanted these located. No truth to the rumor that they were last possessed by the Buerke Administration. He will face censure if they are not returned. I kid of course, but I'm sure it is in those By-Laws, paragraph 19(d)(4)(ii). On a serious note, without the By-laws, he fears we are not an organization. We are, but anarchy is courted without the By-Laws, as Curt is likely to block Ivan Croghan from assuming the presidency and will try to hold office indefinitely. Barry would also like to have Robert's Rules of Order on hand.

40 Days For Life: Bill Deemer announced that there is still a need for prayer warriors on the afternoon around 1:00 p.m. on October 8th (Saturday). The other time slots are filled, but more of you can still show up and help pray. Please sign-up and come save a baby's life.

Entertainment books are for sale at a cost of \$30 bucks and a portion goes to the Men's Club. See prior minutes for amount the Club receives.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

No thank you notes were read by VP Ivan Croghan.

Steiny reminds all to wear their Men's Club shirts to Oktoberfest on October 7!

The cooks were recognized for their hard work. Parkway Bob was the chef of the evening and has something special and tasty to serve members for dinner. (And the ribs were more than delightful. Worthy of a Best-in-Class award. Thanks Parkway!)

Next meeting: November 7. Bring a friend, but don't wait – invite them via text to buy 50/50 Oktoberfest Raffle tickets and also bring them to set up/tear down.

Monthly raffle drawing: 50/50 winner was Bob Hymes (\$115); Rico Red winner was Bill Deemer; Callahan Swill was winner Bob Berger. Special prayer intentions were made and a closing prayer was led by Bob. Continue to pray for good weather this Thursday and Friday!
Reminder: Pay your dues if you have not done so at Oktoberfest.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

God Bless this Men's Club,
Josh Engelbart, Secretary
St. Clare of Assisi Men's Club