

St. Clare of Assisi Men's Club Meeting Minutes: December 5, 2016

In Attendance: 2 Officers; 0 Priest; and 44 Members.

Meeting came to order at 7:47 p.m. Members opened the meeting with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

New members: Sean Ackley and Marty Gran.

November meeting minutes read by Secretary Engelbart. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Henry and seconded by Steiny The members approved.

Next, VP Ivan Coghan read Treasurer Jeff Meyer's Report as Jeff was again on vacation somewhere warm and tropical. A motion to accept the report was made Mike Pool and was seconded by Foghorn Leghorn on behalf of Pool – which no way flies under Robert's Rules of Order Nonetheless, the motion was carried unanimously.

Old Business

Handbook: It has been found trust me. We just don't like what it says, so you don't get to see it.

Oktoberfest: Event went well. The VP next year will be in charge of the Carnival. So we hope we have a candidate for VP next year.

Annual donation: The \$10,000 donation to the parish for asbestos remediation costs was made as approved at the November meeting.

Account update: Treasurer, El Presidente and the Culinary chair will be able to approve member check requests and submit them to Leslie and then MC "The Hammer" for final approval.

Santa Breakfast: Paul recognized Mike Jung for being jolly and growing a white beard in no time flat. Special thanks to him for not dropping any kids from his lap. Served 300+. \$584 in donations received from attendees. 125 candy canes handed out by Mike.

Chair of Advent by Candlelight was grateful for help in settling up for their event. Ivan Croghan borrowed some of their decorations and made Santa's stage shiny and bright.

Memorial Rock: Dave Weid and others need to be added to name plate. We are working on trying to recognize deceased members. Long term solution or plans discussed. Pool suggested possibly having a "memorial tree."

Gifts for Troops: Barry Buerke's son received one and was very thankful, passing along it was nice to receive items when deployed and away from family and friends.

New Business

Annual Christmas Gift Donation to Parish Families in Need: It was presented to the Men's Club that officers had an idea to help parish families in need during this Christmas season and into the future. Men's Club won't know the identity of the recipients to respect privacy, but The Hammer will select families in the parish that are in need. This year we asked Monsignor to identify two families. Each will receive \$500 in gift cards to use to help out in this special time of year. A religious card will accompany the gifts. The Appropriations Committee was referred the matter and came back with the recommendation that the Men's Club approve this expenditure and donation annually so long as we have the funds in the treasury.

Motion to approve by Steiny and Keith Lawry seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Also, in connection with the above, \$200 (\$100 for each family) is to be provided to Parkway Bob to go purchase food so each family can have all the fixings for a great Christmas meal. The Appropriations Committee voted to approve this expense/donation following a motion.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: It is on Thursday 12/15 from 6:00-11:00 p.m. at Clancy's. Members please bring 2 toys and they will be dropped off for the Toys for Tots campaign. \$10 buys you a wrist band for drink and food. Dues must be paid in order to get a wrist band.

Save the Date: Y'all bring your hoes to get down on 1/28/2017. Now we're not digging or tilling the earth – it's the annual **Hoedown and Fried Chicken Dinner with Square Dance**:. Sign up sheet passed around to have volunteers set up starting at 3:00 p.m. and tear down lasting until around 11:00 p.m. Need BODIES as last year the manpower turnout was poor! Please help out.

Miscellaneous:

Entertainment books are \$30 and coupons therein are good through 2017!

Terry Councilor invites all to view the Navy/Army Game. Navy has won 13 times in a row. Terry's a Navy man.

Russ Klingel wants all to mark down May 20th on their calendars for the Men's Club Golf Tourney.

Announcements

Protecting God's Children: Please get signed up for this class if you have not already done so.

Go to the website for up-to-date information of this Club! You can make agenda requests for a meeting or update your contact information.

Next meeting: **January 9 (Not the 2nd) at 7:30 p.m.** Bring a friend.

Monthly raffle drawing: 50/50 winner was Sean Ackley; Rico Red winner was Keith Lawry; Callahan Swill winner was Chris Klaus (fitting that one of Santa's distant relatives gets a prize this season).

Special prayer intentions were made. **Please keep Barry Buerke and his family in your prayers.**

The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

God Bless this Men's Club,

Josh Engelbart, Secretary

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