



General Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Sunday, January 21, 2007 7:00 pm

Submitted by: Jim Washko (for Tony Gallo, Secretary)

Attendance

41 board and general members were present per Greg Wallis (has sign-in sheet).

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Joe Palmeri called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

- I. Opening Prayer/Song – led by Bob Kastner.
- II. Recognition of New Members – no new members were present.
- III. Break for Dinner – Pasta with Italian sausage & Italian bread w/garlic butter by Dick Kollman, assisted by Nick Joseph and Bob Flynn.

Dick Kollman happily announced this was his 65th birthday and that he just started retirement. He later mentioned to me that he retired as national sales manager in the commercial vinyl wall coverings business.

- IV. Chairman Remarks – Joe mentioned that:
 - a) The Board decided that the Club will not be hosting/sponsoring a Men's Club 25th Anniversary celebration event, due to difficulty in getting the event organized (it also did not rank high in terms of Men's Club member priorities).
 - b) The Women's Guild is looking into having a Dinner/Dance at the Country Club of Hudson on May 5, 2007. They are planning on this being a self-funding event, i.e. supported through ticket sales only. Chairman Palmeri will pass on more details as they become available.
- V. Secretary - Reading of the minutes from the previous meeting – Jim Washko
 - A motion was carried to approve the November minutes without reading them.
- VI. Treasurer's Report – Joe Sharkey
 - January 1st was the start of our fiscal year based on the board voting in 2006 to change to the calendar year from the former July – June year.
 - Balance = \$5,369.00 in checking
 - Balance in St. Mary's Foundation = \$5,091.48



VII. Comments from the Trustees & Event Sponsors:

a. Vice Chairman – Rick Jaekle

For the upcoming seafood dinners starting 2/16/2007, please spread the word that the best way to order, pay for and greatly reduce waiting time is to place your order on-line, even up to a week ahead. It's best if you print your receipt and show it when you arrive to speed up identifying your order in the queue. This is applicable to both carry out and dine-in orders.

b. Treasurer – Joe Sharkey (see above)

c. Secretary – Tony Gallo (could not attend, see Secretary above)

d. Spiritual Chair – Bob Kastner

John Ricchiuto mentioned to keep the following people in our prayers:

- Deacon Brown (Eucharistic Adoration) will undergo a triple bypass this coming week at the Mayo Clinic.
- Member Joe Howe - recuperating from cancer surgery this past week.
- Member Jim Mix – has been going through chemotherapy.

Brian O'Connor mentioned we still need Eucharistic ministers at the Men's Club 11:30 mass on Sunday January 28th. There will be handouts about the Men's Club to be given to parishioners.

Bob Kastner told members about the third annual "Pre Lent" Men's Club "Spiritual Day of Reflection Saturday February 3rd starting with a 9:00am mass followed by a retreat ending at 3:00PM (no-cost event, lunch included). One member asked if he could bring along his father, to which Bob said that would be OK. There are to be further details this coming week via e-mail.

Bob also asked that members consider increasing their spiritual involvement in Men's Club or other parish spiritual activities, which would demonstrate that the Men's Club is about more than just service and social activities. Bruce Mlakar asked if all those who had attended CHRP in the past would please stand up, to which it looked like a majority of members present at the meeting stood up. Bruce mentioned the next men's CHRP is Sat-Sun March 10-11.

Jack Wolfe mentioned that Father Damien is sponsoring St. Louis Post Dispatch columnist Carol Campbell on Sunday February 25th. The topic



will cover Catholic students' spirituality in the college campus atmosphere today, and opportunities for them to increase their spirituality.

Robert Rodriguez mentioned about the big parish Paulist sponsored mission event here at Saint Mary's from Saturday February 17th – 22nd. He encourages members to attend one or more of the nightly events. The mission committee (Robert is a member) is asking for volunteers to help cook food and setup on Tuesday 2/25. The guest leaders of the mission also would love to partake of a free home cooked meal from parishioners to avoid having to obtain them on their own.

e. Service Chair – Jim Skripac

- We should be receiving a check from Honey Baked Ham Co. for \$648 as proceeds from our Christmas season sale.
- Bruce Mlakar, new chairman of the 2007 Men's Club Scholarship Committee, announced that the board voted to change the scholarship award from two \$750 scholarships to one \$1,500 scholarship. This will hopefully attract more applicants due to the more valuable single award. The application forms will be made available in 4-5 weeks.

f. Social Chair – Carl Walko

- Jody Feldman reported that the annual Family Christmas Season Sunday Communion Breakfast held this past December came within \$47 of breaking even (it's intended to be a revenue-neutral event). About 10-15 free breakfasts were provided to Parish "Social Action" beneficiaries attending the event.
- Carl asked that volunteers are needed for the 7 weekly Lenten Seafood Dinners. Contact Joe Palmeri to volunteer. Carl handed out samples of the upcoming Sunday bulletin Seafood Dinner menu/announcement, which include the 2007 menu prices.
- Jeff Johnson introduced and passed out samples of new paper placemats to be used at the dinners. These new menus will include Catholic and Lenten themes, but also will make available a large number of varying size paid advertising spaces to be purchased by local businesses. The hope is revenue from placemat advertising will offset increased dinner operating costs and lost revenue on lower attendance nights. Jeff also introduced samples of new "Saint Mary's" labeled soda pop, to be offered in several flavors as part of the drink offering at the dinners. This is also hoped to be a small additional revenue stream.



- The Board decided to cancel the February 18th General Meeting because of potential conflicts with the Parish Mission being held February 17 – 22.
- In response to a request from the Life Teen Office, the Board decided to move the March 18th Board & Golf League Meeting to March 11th because of conflicts with a Life Teen Event scheduled for March 18th. Joe Abood will confirm March 11th with the Parish and let Brian Mullins know. The change will be communicated by email.

VIII. Unfinished Business:

- Dropped planning for a 25th Anniversary Event – (see “Chairman’s Remarks” above)

IX. New Business/Activity Highlights (see details above)

- Membership Mass on January 28th at 11:30 am.
- Spiritual Retreat on February 3rd @ Hines Hill Conference Center in Peninsula
- Seafood Dinners begin on Friday February 16th.
- Paulist Parish Mission – February 17th – 22nd.
- No meeting in February, the next meeting is the annual “Golf League Information” general membership meeting on March 11th.
- Joe Urbanic announced that the Summit County Right to Life will be holding a Dinner/Reverse Raffle on Saturday March 24th.

IX. News & Recognition of Men’s Club Members (see section III and VII (d) above)

X. Adjournment – the meeting wrapped up by about 8:00PM.