

# ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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## Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club October 05, 2023

Our October meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Greg Simonson. There were approximately 45 members in attendance. Yes, that's correct, a very nice group. Greg was not sure if it was due to his post-mass talks the previous weekend or the fact that it was Shrimper Night. After the 14-18 new members introduced themselves, consensus had it that it was Greg's talks. Nice job Greg! Vice President Steve Lealou opened with a prayer looking for the Lord to guide us to make meaningful decisions and treat each other with respect.

The new members were asked to introduce themselves to the group and received a very genuine round of applause. Since there were so many new members in attendance the officers reintroduced themselves. Greg then gave a brief explanation of our meetings and what to expect when attending.

The Minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with one amendment. Pete Kirschling asked that the minutes be amended to read "*Side Note: As you see, legendary Peter Kirschling's name is not mentioned as Sec/Trea for the first time in what seemed like nearly 70 years, nor was he in attendance*". Minutes were approved as amended. Treasurer Bob Olson then reported a balance on hand, as of September 30, of \$15,651.71 There was also \$3,480.00 in the Dick VanLangendon special reserve fund. A motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made and seconded and all in attendance approved.

### Communications:

No new communications to report.

### Old Business:

- a. Dick Van's Memorial: The committee shared they talked with Mary Van and asked what Dick's passions were. She mentioned kids, hunting and St. Matthew Parish and specifically the Men's Club. The committee took that to heart and came up with an idea to create a scholarship to pay the fee for hunters' education classes for kids that maybe don't have the resources to cover the fee. The official name of the scholarship and the process to pay the fees (including fees for kids that take the class on-line) will be discussed by the committee and reported back at the next meeting. All in attendance thought it was a wonderful, well thought out memorial and thanked the committee for their efforts. A motion was made and seconded to approve the plan. Motion carried.

### New Business:

- a. Brief Game Feed Update: Greg reported that he, Doug Hutchison and Rob Atwood met with the owner of the Swan Club to inquire about them hosting the game feed. It was a very good meeting. The Swan Club would agree to host the event and rent their facility to the Men's Club for \$1.00. In return they would retain the revenues from the bar. The Men's Club would continue to do all of the prep and cooking, but the Swan Club would provide access to their kitchen and coolers the Monday-Wednesday prior to the event. The Swan Club has the game feed date penciled in on their event calendar. A question was raised about cooking "wild game" in their facility. Doug reported he did ask that question and Greg said it's not a problem. After some discussion it was agreed that Doug would pursue that further with Greg and try to get that in writing. He will let him know the Men's Club would get a permit from the DNR prior to each game feed. Motion was approved to continue discussions with the Swan Club and get in writing that they can prep and cook wild game in their facility. Dan Kiernan abstained from voting on the motion. He explained the reason for the abstention is there has been very little action on his call out for volunteers to take him up on his offer to train 4-5 folks to take over the coordination of the wild game feed. Norb Hockers said he would volunteer to be part of the

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coordination team...as long as there is a team.

- b. Membership Initiative/Recruiting: Greg mentioned he spoke after each Mass the weekend of Sep 30 – Oct 1 and handed out the 2023-2024 Men's Club cards. As previously mentioned, he was well received. The new members in attendance at the meeting were evidence of that.
- c. Set Dates for Events: Greg mentioned he would like to hold a "Breakfast with Santa" event in early to mid-December. It would be a paid event open to all Parish members. He would like to serve pancakes made with their family's famous pancake recipe at the event. He asked for a motion to approve him to meet with Father Bob and Stacy to get their approval and to set a date. Motion was made and seconded and approved. He would like other ideas for future social events the Men's Club could host.

The November meeting will include a salute to Veterans. Greg has an idea brewing and will share with the members once boiled.

The December Men's Club meeting will be a social event and open to members and their significant others. Tom & Jerry's will be served as well as other beverages and snacks.

## **Open Floor/Announcements:**

- President Simonson thanked all the new members for their attendance and for joining the club. A hearty round of applause ensued. The new members were asked to provide contact information so they will be included in future club notices.
- We will start to save the tabs from aluminum cans. They will be donated to any member that is saving them for donating to the Ronald MacDonald House.
- Someone offered to hold cribbage training to any interested members. Sorry, folks were getting anxious to get at the shrimp and I did not catch his name.

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:59pm. (Congrats for keeping it under an hour). A social ensued with a bounty of shrimp, meatballs, snacks and beverages. Looked like a few bean bags may also have been tossed.

**Post Meeting Note:** Treasurer Bob Olson reported that the members in attendance were very generous with their donations to cover the cost of food and beverages. THANK YOU!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Hutchison  
Secretary

**Next Meeting:** *Veteran's Night*- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 7pm in the Gathering Space.