

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes - St. Matthew Men's Club September 05, 2024

Our May meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by President Greg Simonson. There were approximately 15 members in attendance and that included the four officers. Vice President Steve Lealou opened with a prayer asking the Lord for support as we start our new year and for guidance in our decision making. Thanks Steve.

Greg opened the meeting with a brief welcome and thanked all for attending.

The May 2nd meeting minutes were approved. Treasurer Bob Olson reported a balance on hand of \$18,733.61 in the Men's Club account. He noted that we have not yet received the bill from Hilly Haven for the golf outing. There is \$3,333.83 in the Dick VanLangendon reserve account. The Treasurer's summary was approved.

Communications: None

Old Business:

- a. Pig Roast: As of Sep 5, there were 11 Men's Club Members and 10 guests signed up. A decision was made to keep it going with the anticipation of 40-44 total attending. The rest of the menu was agreed upon and the Secretary was instructed to contact Biebel's with the final count and menu items. Side note regarding scheduling future Men's Club events: We were contacted by Mike Westenburg and very politely asked that we check in with the Parish Office before scheduling events that don't fall on the first Thursday of the month. Our date for the Pig Roast was the same day as the annual Parish spaghetti dinner. Thankfully, and very generously, Mike said he would reschedule that so it would not conflict with the Pig Roast.
- b. Harry LaTour Golf Classic: Preliminary figures show the Men's Club funded approximately \$250 of the cost...not too bad considering the higher costs. However, as noted above, we have not received the bill from the golf course yet. Final accounting will be made at the Oct meeting. Some discussion ensued as to making changes to the event next year like checking out other courses and re-thinking the dinner menu.

New Business:

- a. Authorized Spending for Officers: Greg explained that the Officers routinely have to purchase items for meetings and other events then are reimbursed with funds from the Men's Club coffers. For transparency's sake, he requested that the members authorize the President to be able to spend up to \$150 and the other Officers up to \$50 for meeting and/or approved event costs without a vote by the members. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Motion carried with Steve Noel opposing. He felt the preset limit was not needed as Officers have always been reimbursed for out-of-pocket Men's Club expenses....or something to that effect.
- b. Meeting Ideas/Meeting Activities: Speakers are good; Parallel 44, Craft beer tasting, were a couple of ideas. Themes future meetings include:
 - October: Shrimper and New Member Month
 - November: Veteran's Recognition – Greg will check into a speaker
 - December: Christmas Social with significant others. Since there is a Packers game on Dec 5, we will check with the Parish to see if we can move our meeting to December 12.
 - Jan-May: Undecided – bring ideas to next meeting!!
- c. Schedule of Events:
 - i. Breakfast w/Santa (December): It was agreed that we should do this again but after both Sunday morning masses. Greg will chair the event again. Shooting for Dec 8 or 15. Once a date is set, we'll do more to get the word out including bulletin announcements and getting a flyer that school students can bring home.

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- ii. Easter Event: Agreed that it's a good idea if we can find someone willing to run with it! Tabled to next meeting.
- iii. Post Game Feed Ideas: Bob Olson suggested a craft beer, burgers and blues event. He has contact with a blues band and will check on costs, availability, etc. Greg mentioned that he and Doug Hutch met with the owner of the Swan Club, and they would be very open to us having an event there and would work with us on any idea we bring to them.
- iv. Others: Bob Olson suggested we host the after-mass socials on a weekend at the end of Sep. He asked for approval for him to pursue that idea as part of "New Member Month". Greg said he will check with Father Bob about having a Men's Club Representative speak after masses on the weekend we host the socials. A motion was made and seconded to approve the request. Motion carried with Steve Noel opposing as he felt that was not the Men's Club audience...and he likes seeing his name in the minutes.
- d. Volunteer Opportunities: A request from Rachel Westenberg with We All Rise/All Seasons Transformation House, a transitional living facility for men who are experiencing a transition in their lives, was brought forward. She was wondering if the Men's Club would be willing to serve a meal and interact with the men. We would have to serve up to 49 people. It would take 4-5 volunteers. It was agreed that this would be a worthy cause. Someone (I don't recall who) said they would reach out to Rachel and see if there is a date in January that would work for the Men's Club to serve. Greg said (I thought it was Greg) he would also check with Father Bob about volunteer needs the Parish may have.
- e. Business Cards: We will go ahead and get another 500 printed but they won't be dated or include the schedule of events. Doug Hutch volunteered to get those done.
- f. Food for meetings/Host: Idea is to have a volunteer to "host" a meeting by planning and preparing the food for the meeting. Since there were so few members in attendance it was agreed to table this discussion for future meetings.

Open Floor/Announcements:

Name tags were introduced for this meeting and will be available at all future meetings. Bob Olson brought a vintage Men's Club hat that anyone was welcome to take. It was immediately snapped up. Thanks Bob.

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

After adjournment there were an amazing taco dip and spicy cheese dip plus chips and other snacks available thanks to Greg...Thanks Greg!!

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hutchison
Secretary

Upcoming Events:

St. Matthew Men's Club Pig Roast – September 21st, 4pm-10pm Green Isle Park

Next Meeting: October 3rd, 7pm Parish Gathering Space