

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club February 3, 2022

Our February meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President John Lokken. There were approximately 25 members in attendance. VP Tim Feldhausen led us off with an opening prayer which was followed by an approval of our January Minutes. Pete Kirschling presented a Treasurer's Summary of \$14,168.65 as of February 1st which was also approved noting that we took in the \$1717.85 from the "11/11 We Remember" fund and spent \$2000 on the Veterans organizations that were approved for payout at the last meeting.

Communications:

A letter of thanks was read from Dick Marbes of the local Disabled American Veterans (DAV) for the Men's Club contribution of \$500. Also, the other members present who distributed the other funds reported that their recipients were most appreciative as well.

Old Business:

At our January meeting we tabled a request from Fr. Allouez Catholic School (FACS) for a contribution to help the students at the St. Matthew campus. Basically, the membership kicked the can down the road, so it was tabled once again.

New Business:

John Lokken presented the views of the subcommittee assigned to exploring the feasibility of putting on the Wild Game Feed. He had a conversation with Fr. Bob who stressed that he wants the public kept safe and the feelings of the Parish Council and diocese say, "Don't do it." Doug Hutchison said the parish has weathered the pandemic well financially, so they don't have a great need at the time. Other organizations outside of the parish are doing fine as well. Fr. Bob suggested doing a meal for St. John's Homeless Shelter or donating some of the provisions to Paul's Pantry. Rob Atwood threw a wet blanket on all of this talk and said we need to decide what we're going to do about this year's event first then we can discuss alternative plans. President Lokken asked if he would mind stating that in the form of a motion. Rob said he would make two separate motions. First, he made a motion to cancel the 2022 Charity Wild Game Feed. Motion passed. Second, he made a motion to provide a wild game meal for the inhabitants of St. John's Homeless Shelter (SJHS) in March of 2022 (or other day to be determined by their schedule). Motion passed. Now, because we cancelled the 2022 WGF, which would've been our 39th annual, it was noted that the 2023 event would be known as our 40th annual event. Pete Kirschling had a personal reason for doing that as he'd served in a leadership capacity for 30 years coordinating the WGF and would like the 40th to be his swan song.

Marc Gerbec said we should form a committee to investigate meal serving at SJHS. Volunteering for the committee were Dan Kiernan, Tim Feldhausen, Mike Christopherson, Marc Gerbec and Sean Ryan. The committee will meet to decide what to do for SJHS and when to do it. They will report back at our next meeting. Doug Hutchison was wondering if that will be enough time to pull it off and Dan Kiernan said he'd get a feel from SJHS beforehand.

Dan Kiernan also said that we have about 40# of venison Polish sausage in the freezer and that he would propose serving that up at our next meeting. All hungrily agreed!

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Open Floor:

Ambrose Kowalczyk made note that there was no water in our beverage assortment. We were unaware of that and made note that we will try to remember that next time.

John Lokken also wanted to thank Marc Gerbec and Greg Clawson for providing chili for our post-meeting enjoyment. (Round of applause!)

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: March 3rd 7:00pm St. Matthew's School Cafeteria (Non-Wild Game Feed alternate event)

Men's Club member Tony Phelps presents a \$500 check to Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 224



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Tim Feldhausen (L) and Jim O'Rourke (R) present Dick Marbes of the Disabled American Veterans organization with a \$500 contribution from the Men's Club.

