

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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

Our November meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Bob Olson. There were approximately 28 members in attendance. Greg Simonson opened with a prayer for veterans and their service to our country. The Minutes of our October 2022 meeting were approved and Pete Kirschling presented a Treasurer's summary of \$11,419.92 on hand as of October 31st as well as \$3310.00 in a restricted account for donations to the Men's Club in Dick VanLangendon's name.

Communications:

Ann Froelich contacted me to let me know Jeff Lotto's mother, Gertie, passed away last Sunday. The funeral will be at St. Matthew's tomorrow (Friday) at 11:00. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers.

Old Business:

Discussion resumed on what we could do with the money in Dick VanLangendon's restricted account. Among the ideas tossed around:

- A memorial in the Parish Library
- Naming of the picnic beer tent
- A (small) scholarship to GRACE in Dick's name
- Spinning wheel for paddle raffle with proceeds going to GRACE
- A memorial item on the Wild Game Feed auction in Dick's name (as had been done in the past)
- Named water buckets for the picnic tents (now that pounding stakes in asphalt are outlawed)
- Customized grill for picnic in Dick's name
- A banner over the beer tent for the picnic and WGF

Pete Kirschling will reach out to the Parish to inquire about a GRACE scholarship. Also, whatever is decided for the best way to use Dick's money, Mary VanLangendon will have to be on board with it.

New Business:

With the upcoming Wild Game Feed, arrangements will be going on in earnest.

Dan Kiernan will give us a venison report at the next meeting. He will also publicize in the bulletin that we are in need of (processed) venison.

Marc Gerbec is now the Operations Manager for Paul's Pantry. He said that they have ample freezer space available if we need it for food storage.

At the last WGF, we utilized external cooking facilities at the Kroc Center. Greg Simonson will look into it again to see if it meets our needs (or if it is even available). It may require certification in order for it to be used by us. In that event, a motion was made to approve paying for the certification (up to \$150) by the Men's Club. Motion carried.

Rob Atwood will check on beer and food permits that may be required by the Village.

Dan Kiernan will check on any permits required by the DNR.

Sean Ryan is okay with managing the bar again.

John Lokken will work on the tickets. Last month we agreed to charge \$30 advance purchase and \$40 at the door (corporate tables \$600 for eight people). He suggested a gift giveaway for a lucky ticket holder but was decided there was no need to give something away for nothing.

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Tim Feldhausen brought to our attention that his father in law, Bob Massart was scheduled to be going on an Old Glory Honor Flight in November. Bob was going to be escorted by his daughter, Lara Feldhausen, who just happens to be Tim's wife. Bob, Lara and Tim were all veterans of the US Navy. Bob Massart served during the Vietnam era but spent his time mostly on the east coast and in the Mediterranean. With that in mind, he suggested that the Men's Club donate \$500 to Old Glory Honor Flight to help offset the costs to this worthwhile organization. And, because Dick VanLangendon was also a veteran (the US Navy no less), the money should be donated in Dick's name. A motion was made and seconded to donate the \$500. Motion carried.

Open Floor:

The chair recognized some new(er) members in attendance. Chris Thetreau, Howard Lodl and Clarence Matuszek were all welcomed with a warm round of applause!

It was then that Bob Olson asked for any veterans in attendance to please stand and be recognized. There were approximately eleven in attendance and each took the time to share a special memory of their time spent in the military. Some stories were very basic while others held the members rapt with the stories being told. In all, it was a very engaging 20 minutes or so honoring these brave souls for their contribution to helping keep America free. (In this writer's humble opinion, this was one of the best meetings we've ever had and hope that we can do something like it again next year.)

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm to go enjoy the Tasting of the Chili!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: December 1st 7:00pm St. Matthew's School Cafeteria (Annual Christmas Party)