

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club January 4, 2024

Our January meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by President Greg Simonson. There were approximately 30 members in attendance. Vice President Steve Lealou opened with a prayer asking the Lord for guidance and wisdom and to help us grow closer as a group.

The minutes of the December 7th meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Olson then reported a balance on hand, as of January 4, of \$14,791.99. There was also \$3,333.83 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:

Pete Kirschling brought up an email that Doug Hutch shared with him from a former Men's Club member's wife asking for the person's name be removed from the email list. Pete wanted all to know that he has kept non-dues paying members on the email list to keep them abreast of what's going on with the Men's Club and to be sure they are always welcome to attend meetings or participate in events whether the \$10 has been paid or not.

Doug Hutch then noted that he received emails from two members that could not make the meeting but they did have items to donate to the Wild Game Feed auctions and would volunteer to help with the game feed. That led to a question as to where folks could drop off bottles of booze and/or gift cards. Answer - they can be dropped off at the Parish Center during their regular business hours.

Old Business:

- a. Christmas Social recap: As noted in the December minutes roughly 50 people attended the event. Comments from those that attended were very positive. Also heard from a few folks that their spouses appreciated being invited and are looking forward to next year. There was an abundance of appetizers which was very much appreciated.
- b. Breakfast with Santa: Around 90 people attended, and feedback was very positive. The Men's Club will host again next year. Greg and others had the following suggestions for next year:
 - Serve after both the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses
 - Communicate earlier
 - Solicit volunteers earlier
 - If possible, create a flyer to be given to Father Allouez Catholic School campuses that the students can bring home and share with their parents.
 - Next year's date will be determined after the Packers schedule is out to avoid conflicts.

New Business:

- a. Game Feed Update: Norb Hockers and the Wild Game Feed Committee reported the following: First, Norb prefaced with big "Thank you" to all that showed up at the meeting on Tuesday, Jan 2nd and for all of the folks that have stepped up to make this the best game feed possible.
 - i. School/Cooking: Everything will be prepared at St. Matthew
 - ii. Auction/Donations: There will be a limit on the number of items this year. Folks are still encouraged to donate gift cards and bottles of booze. Jason Karbon volunteered (again) to head up the auction and raffles
 - iii. Tickets/Limit/Corporate Tables: There will be a hard limit of 400 tickets. Tickets and posters will be available in late January or early February. Men's Club members are asked to try and sell them as early as possible. Men's Club members will be responsible for paying for their tickets again. Tickets will be \$30 in advance and \$40 after March 3rd. Sean Ryan set up an on-line portal to purchase tickets through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-matthew-mens-club-wild-game-feed-tickets-787875124707>. If there are tickets left over, they will be available for purchase at the door. There will be 8 corporate tables of 8 guests at \$600 per table. The Parish Center will not

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- take any "will-call" orders but will sell tickets for cash or check in the office.
- iv. Bar: Sean Ryan is coordinating and will reach out if volunteers are needed. He has submitted the required paperwork to the Village of Allouez.
 - v. Volunteers: Signup sheets were circulated. At the end of the meeting there were still several open spaces for food prep in February and for the day of. If you are interested in signing up or would like more information, please reach out to Norb Hockers at (920) 644-0387. Volunteer board and tickets will be in the Gathering Space after Masses starting early February.
 - vi. Anything Else Game Feed: Spots for placemat ads are still available. Business card-size ads are \$60. No tickets will be included with the purchase of an ad. If interested, please contact Bob Olson at (920)606-7448.
- b. January Bowling: "Hard no" on having a January bowling event.

Open Floor/Announcements:

- Jim Reinkober donated a couple nostalgic Wild Game Feed hats for anyone that would like them.
- There will be a cribbage tournament after our February meeting. Please bring your favorite cribbage board if you plan to participate.
- Doug Hutch had All-Canada Show tickets available to anyone interested.
- Jason Karbon thanked everyone that brought donations for the auctions.
- Volunteers are always welcome to help with the auctions and raffles. Please reach out if you can assist!!
- Someone suggested the Men's Club reach out to the Parish Office to see if it would be possible to insert the Wild Game Feed poster in the bulletins leading up to the game feed.

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hutchison
Secretary

Next Meeting: February 1, 2024, 7pm in the Gathering Space. Cribbage tourney after the meeting. Rumor has it there could be some wild game served...guess you'll have to be there to find out if it's true.