

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club November 02, 2023

Our November meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Greg Simonson. There were approximately 25 members in attendance. Vice President Steve Lealou opened with a prayer asking the Lord to allow us to engage in meaningful discussion.

The Minutes of the October 5th meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Olson then reported a balance on hand, as of October 31st, of \$15,404.68. 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. It was noted that we had 14 new members sign up last month.

Communications:

No new communications to report.

Old Business:

- a. Dick Van's Memorial: The committee shared we missed the window to the DNR Hunters' Safety Classes this year. After discussions with Mary, Dick's wife, it was decided to set \$1,000 aside to fund class registration for future classes and use some of the remaining funds for the inaugural "Breakfast With Santa".
- b. Dan's Game Feed Committee Update: The committee decided to limit the 2024 Wild Game Feed to 400 and tickets will cost \$30. They talked with De Pere officials and were told in order for the Swan Club to host our event the Swan Club would have to close its kitchen for the day while wild game is being prepped/cooked. The committee will meet with the Swan Club again and decide if hosting the event there is still a possibility. Back up plan is to keep the event at St. Matthew.

New Business:

- a. Game Feed Protein Status: The committee reported we are in good shape.
- b. Diocese Policy Update: The Diocese updated their policy regarding alcohol and firearms at Diocese events. The new policy was read to the group. Interpretation of the policy is a bit muddy but we should be able to continue with the Wild Game Feed as usual if held at St. Matthew.
- c. Breakfast with Santa: Settled on December 10th after 10:30am Mass in the old Church Hall. Greg will provide the griddles and make the pancakes. We'll keep it simple and serve pancakes and sausage and provide juice and coffee. The search is on for a "Santa". Santa will mingle with the guests and hand out candy canes or similar treats.
- d. Christmas Social: Our December meeting will be open to members and significant others. We'll have a very brief meeting then get into the social. Tom & Jerry's, wine and light appetizers will be served. We'll ask for members to RSVP to get an idea of how much to have on hand. Greg said he will try to get some time at the pulpit after masses to push both events. Since the Secretary forgot to get a notice in the bulletin prior to our November meeting he was instructed to get a note in the bulletin before the December events. Duly noted!

Open Floor/Announcements:

- a. Veteran's Presentation: President Simonson announced he had an active military member lined up to give a brief presentation but that fell through at the last minute. In place of that anyone that served or is actively serving were asked to stand and be recognized. All received a nice round of applause and many thanks. The floor was open for anyone to share their experiences. Many truly touching and personal stories were shared. Thank you to all that shared.

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- b. Pete Kirschling brought up the passing of Bill Maccoux Sr., a long-time Men's Club member. Pete volunteered to send a memorial on behalf of the Men's Club. Thank you, Pete!

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Hutchison
Secretary

Next Meeting: *Christmas Social*- December 7th, 2023 7pm in the Gathering Space.

Note: significant others are welcome and encouraged to attend!