

# ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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## Minutes - St. Matthew Men's Club April 4, 2024

Our April meeting was called to order at 7:05pm 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 and to bless the wild game feast we were graciously about to consume.

A huge thank you to the folks that came in early and prepared and set up the wild game feast. Very much appreciated!!

Before hitting the agenda Greg thanked all involved in the Wild Game Feed for their dedication and sacrifices made for a very successful event. He also acknowledged the letter Norb Hockers had sent as a "thank you" to all involved. At that time a raucous round of applause was given to Norb for volunteering to pull the whole thing together and his passion to ensure we had a successful event. Thank you again Norb!

The minutes of the February 1st meeting were approved. Treasurer Bob Olson was not able to prepare a financial report as Stacy could not send him a financial statement due to the power outage at the Parish Center.

**Communications:** None to report

**Old Business:** Game Feed:

- i. Financial Wrap Up: Preliminary figures showed the Game Feed raised \$26,546. WOOT, WOOT!!
- ii. How Did It Go?: No glaring issues.
- iii. Funds Distribution Committee: Norb Hockers, Don Jauquet and Howard Lodl stepped up to make up the group. It was noted that very few requests have been received to date. Some conversation came up about the timing and deadline for receiving requests. Since this was the last Wild Game Feed, I did not write all of that down. Something about kicking a dead horse came to mind. I apologize to all that raised their concerns and/or spoke up. I am sure they were all valid points.

**New Business:**

- a. Ideas for Future Fundraisers: Many thoughtful/creative suggestions were discussed, including:
  - Drive-in movie theater with concessions
  - Chili cook-off
  - Friday fish fry/fish boil during lent. Maybe kick-off lent with one large event.
  - Fall Fest. Could tie in with the chili cook-off. Have a band and stuff for kids
  - Garbage bag sale. The Belson Company might be a source for the bags
  - Pig Roast for members and families, then open to all Parish members
  - Craft beer and burger festAll great ideas for sure. It was noted that the Wild Game Feed has run its course and new ideas are needed to attract younger members to the club. Start small with each and build up on those that went over well.
- b. Possible Amendments to the Men's Club By-Laws: There is out of date verbiage in the by-laws (example: references to St. Matthew School). Greg is willing to serve another term as President and wants to clarify the terms of service for the officers. It was decided the Officers would bring recommended changes, if any, to a future meeting for review and discussion.
- c. Parish Picnic: It will be the Summer Kick-Off again. They plan to add more stuff for kids. The Men's Club will run the beer tent and cook the meat and booyah. We'll reach out for volunteers as we get closer to the event.

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## **Open Floor/Announcements:**

Don Jauquet let everyone know he brought an assortment of booze from a basket bought at the Game Feed. Help yourself. Thanks Don!

A request was made to donate leftovers from the Game Feed to "Moose & Goose", a fundraiser for AA District 2 Correctional Officers. Another request was made to use the leftovers to prepare a meal for St. Johns Homeless Shelter. After some discussion it was put to a vote. It was voted that a meal would be prepared and served to the Homeless Shelter and the leftovers from that would go to Moose & Goose.

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

After adjournment a hearty feast of wild game and fixings was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to the chefs!!

Respectfully submitted,  
Doug Hutchison  
Secretary

**Next Meeting:** May 2, 2024. Wild Game Feed funds distribution, election of officers, cleaning of the closet.