

# ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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## Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club April 7, 2022

Our April meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President John Lokken. There were approximately 24 members in attendance. President Lokken led us with an opening prayer in the absence of our regular VP Tim Feldhausen. Before we sought approval of the March Minutes, Dan Kiernan asked to amend them by filling in his name as taking charge of the PR for the Homeless Shelter meal. The amended version of the Minutes was then approved. Pete Kirschling then presented a Treasurer's Summary of \$13,704.16 as of March 31st which was also approved.

### **Communications:**

We had received two thank you notes in the past month. The first was from Jodie Blumreich for the contribution made on the untimely passing of her husband, Eric Blumreich. Our memorial donation would be going to the Boys and Girls Club of Door County, Eric's employer at the time of his passing. We also received a thank you from Kelly Klika for our \$500 donation to Father Allouez Catholic School (FACS).

### **Old Business:**

Because we were planning a mini-Wild Game Feed tonight, we wanted to make sure we left the place spotless and a call was put out for volunteers to help insure cleanup after the meal. Thank you Ray, Ryan, Larry, Mike and John for chipping in!

Our initiative to prepare and serve a meal at St. John's Homeless Shelter (SJHS) will conclude with the actual meal serving this coming Saturday (April 9th). As a prelude to that, we tried to generate funds for SJHS by asking parishioners to "Sponsor a Plate." Any contribution of any amount would go towards helping SJHS. The first weekend raised \$1356, the second \$1175 and the third \$760. In addition to the \$260 raised on the card raffle for the Brewer tickets, the total take was an amazing \$3551! Thank you to everyone who contributed as well as those who help collect after the Masses! BTW, the winner of the Brewer tickets is a new parishioner, Nancy Serrano-Aleman who was excited for her win!

Dan Kiernan mentioned that he had people in place for Saturday's meal prep and serving. He would handle those last-minute instructions with them privately so as to not take undue time from our regular business meeting.

### **New Business:**

As part of his involvement to making this meal a success, Dan Kiernan will reach out to *The Compass* and *Press Times* newspapers to see if they would provide a little backstory to our event. Tony Phelps read a snippet from SJHS website mentioning our wild game meal and the request of people to sponsor "plates" for the event. While we were talking about wild game, Dan mentioned we had about 84# of venison Polish sausage at Salmon's that he would be picking up tomorrow. What is not used for SJHS would be kept for our Wild Game Feed next year.

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## Open Floor:

Marc Gerbec tantalized us with a preview of tonight's wild game meal. He would be serving venison Polish sausage, wild game meatballs (aka "goose balls"), sauerkraut, mashed potatoes and gravy. Another reminder was made to everyone that our No. 1 priority was leaving the kitchen in better shape than we found it and that includes making sure there is no beer left in the fridge!

Pete Kirschling mentioned that he still had a pile of Men's Club introductory "greeting cards" that should be passed out. These cards were printed up as a handout to prospective members giving them info on the Club and our tentative schedule for the coming year. If they are not passed out right away, they will just end up in a landfill so please help spread the word! They are a great tool for helping with recruiting.

People were reminded of our next meeting (May 5th) being the last meeting of our fiscal year. Marc Gerbec will plan a Cinco de Mayo theme along with appropriate food and beverages. In addition to that, it is also election night. Members are asked to pitch in and consider holding an office to help guide us for the coming year. It is a relatively easy job and it is great way to get new blood involved in the organization.

Greg Simonson wanted to address the group on behalf of Bonnie's Blankets. As a refresher, Bonnie's Blankets is a 501(c)(3) organization named after Greg's mother-in-law (Bonnie) who passed away from cancer. The group assembles blankets that are distributed to Froedtert Hospital and other local cancer centers to be given to people dealing with various stages of cancer. He said they now have funding to do monthly blanket bees but they need people to help put them together. The next event will be Sunday April 24th from noon-5:00 in the school cafeteria. They could use any, and all, help (all ages) so please consider pitching in for this worthwhile cause.

Having no further business to tend to and the aroma of delicious food wafting in the room, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling  
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: May 5th 7:00pm St. Matthew's School Cafeteria (Election of Officers, Summer Events, Cleaning of the Closet)