

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club September 8, 2022

Our September meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Bob Olson. There were approximately 21 members in attendance. Bob began the meeting by introducing the current leadership. Along with Bob as President, Greg Simonson as the Vice President and Pete Kirschling the Secretary/Treasurer filled out the executive committee. Bob also unveiled the new "official" gavel of the St. Matthew Men's Club. Greg Simonson then led us in an opening prayer. The Minutes of our May 2022 meeting were approved and Pete Kirschling presented a Treasurer's summary of \$13,965.11 on hand as of September 1st. He noted that the invoice from Hilly Haven hasn't been received yet so that remains outstanding and due. He also mentioned that there is a separate account under the Men's Club for contributions made to the Men's Club on behalf of Dick VanLangendon. There is a current balance of \$265.00. Prior to the meeting, Pete received a card from Mary VanLangendon and opened it up to reveal a check to the Men's Club for \$3000.00! There were two other undeposited checks for \$45 bringing Dick's balance up to a whopping \$3310.00! It was decided that something should be done with these funds to help memorialize Dick. Rather than initiate a long discussion, it was decided to table that conversation to another time.

Communications:

We received one card of thanks for our donation from the family of Al Stary. Al was a longtime Men's Club member who passed away unexpectedly in June.

Old Business:

Not much here except for a recap of the Harry LaTour Golf Outing and Steak Fry. The weather was perfect, the meal and companionship were excellent and, like a broken record, Fr. Bob's team took top honors with a winning score of -4 under par. Congratulations to Fr. Bob, Tom Schumacher, Brian Hawley and Bo Schumacher!

New Business:

First up, Kelly FitzGerald and Ann Froelich were on hand to present plans for St. Matthew's 100th Anniversary celebration September 24-25. The weekend kicks off with a Spaghetti supper on Saturday, followed up by a tailgate party after 10:30 Mass on Sunday. They were looking for members to help pull off the cookout with setup beginning at 8:30 Sunday morning. Tables/chairs set up, grilling and clean up were all in need of helping hands. Coinciding with the anniversary, special apparel, commemorative badges and even a special anniversary wine from Parallel 44 Winery would be available.

Next, there is a need to update our Men's Club "business cards" but before we could do that, we need to set our schedule for the coming year. Steve Noel volunteered to put on a 1-hour presentation on the Korean War but was rebuffed due to the length of his program and the time constraints we have at our meetings. It would have to be a stand-alone meeting to make it work. After much discussion, the following themes were agreed to:

- October 6, 2022: NFL Theme Night & Shrimper
- November 3, 2022: Veteran Appreciation
- December 1, 2022: Christmas Party w/ Tom & Jerry's
- January 5, 2023: Cribbage Tournament
- February 2, 2023: Final Wild Game Feed Preparations
- March 2, 2023: 40th Annual Charity Wild Game Feed
- April 13, 2023: WGF Wrap-Up & Private WGF Dinner
- May 4, 2023: Distribution of Funds, Election of Officers, Ceremonial Cleaning of the Closet
- August 3, 2023: Harry LaTour Golf Outing & Steak Fry
- September 7, 2023: Welcome Back & Setting of the Schedule

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With that being set, Doug Hutchison would again produce the cards and get them printed so they would be ready to go for our tailgate weekend. The card has a "QR" code on the front which takes the person to our Parish Men's Club page. It is essential that the link has the most up to date information on it or the QR code would be useless. Marc Gerbec will look into it to be sure we are providing accurate information.

Dan Kiernan will be taking stock of our wild game inventory at St. Matts. It is important that we get the word out now to our hunting friends so that they know our need for venison (and other wild game). And speaking of other wild game, Jason Karbon was contacted by the NEW Spaniel Club as they will be having their field trials later this month. It was always a source for about 100 birds but they moved the venue from Kewaunee to Cambria which is two hours one way and, as such, we have to decline their invitation.

Open Floor:

Bob Olson recapped a meeting we had with Stacy Smits, St. Matthew's Business Administrator. The officers met with her over concerns from the school, and GRACE in particular, about the Men's Club taking over space in the kitchen that doesn't belong to us. We were spoiled by having Joanne and Janet in the kitchen as well Steve Lealou as the janitor. They would cover for our use of the kitchen as well as any mess we left behind. With all of them now retired, we were advised that there will be a new standard by which we must abide if we will be using the cafeteria for our meetings. The Men's Club owns the freezers in the small kitchen and, as such, we can store in them whatever we want. Refrigerator space in the main kitchen is limited to one shelf on a temporary (meeting night) basis. Any utensils, pot or pans that are used for our meeting must be cleaned and stowed before leaving. Also, any garbage and recyclables that are generated cannot be left in the building overnight. They must be bagged and taken to the dumpster on our way out of the building. Any violations could face consequences that would not put the Men's Club in good light. So, in summary, everyone in attendance is asked to help with the cleanup after meetings and insure that the place looks as good, if not better, than we found it.

Having no further business to tend to and the aroma of bratwurst and snacks wafting in the room, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:04pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: October 6th 7:00pm St. Matthew's School Cafeteria (NFL Night & Shrimper)