

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club January 5, 2023

Our January meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President Bob Olson. There were approximately 28 members in attendance. Greg Simonson opened with a prayer asking for God's blessing in the coming year. The Minutes of our December meeting were approved and Pete Kirschling provided a Treasurer's summary of \$10,831.10 as of December 28th as well as \$3310.00 in Dick VanLangendon's restricted account.

Communications:

The Men's Club received a card of thanks from the family of Clarence Matuszek. Clarence, who was a long time Men's Club member, favored the Salvation Army as they helped his family during the Depression so our donation would be going to them.

Old Business:

Greg Simonson clarified a statement he made last meeting about the mandatory training needed in order to use the Kroc Center. The required course is approximately a 10-hour class and would be followed by a 2-hour proctored exam. The cost is \$179 for one person and the licensing associated with it would be good for five years. Greg is willing to take the course to satisfy their requirement. Dan Kiernan added that workers would also need to complete a course (approx.. 2-4 hours) and also pass an exam. We would need 3-4 workers in addition to Greg. A motion was made and seconded to have the Men's Club pay for the cost of these classes.

New Business:

Fr. Bob Kabat led off important discussion about the new rules governing the use of the school by outside organizations. The school cafeteria is now run by a GRACE employee rather than St. Matthew personnel. There are also restrictions on access to the school during school hours (by diocesan edict). Volunteers are required to complete an application (which will include a background check), complete the VIRTUS online training and sign an annual Code of Conduct. These volunteers will be required to take the online training as well as an exam for \$15 (to cover the cost of the background check). Once completed, you will have VIRTUS approval to be on site during school hours. Fr. Bob is ultimately responsible for this so he will make sure the Men's Club abides by this mandate as he does not want to get hung out to dry by the diocese.

As a follow up to Fr. Bob's intro, Stacy Smits was introduced to the members. Stacy is the new Parish Administrator following in the footsteps of Penny Dart. Stacy wanted to attend our meeting so everyone could hear what we need to do collectively to pull this off. Some of the highlights from her commentary are as follows:

- We need to be sure we have applied for or already have permits for serving food and selling beer.
- We will NOT be able to sell wine as the permit for that was already used at the Parish Spaghetti Dinner.
- She gave us the run down on which doors we would be able to utilize during the Game Feed as they need to minimize access points for security reasons.
- There will be parking restrictions by the Holy Name House (formerly Nazareth House) as we cannot restrict access to the tenants personal parking.
- People/volunteers accessing the school after school hours (4:00pm) will not have to be credentialed.
- She will allow the Men's Club access to the school starting Wednesday at 3:00 (set up) till Friday 1:00 (take down/clean up).
- Stacy will need every volunteer to be vetted (VIRTUS) prior to being allowed on site. Those assisting after 4:00pm are not necessary.
- The Men's Club (and everyone else for that matter) will NOT be allowed to tape any signs to the inside glass on the school doors. There is a special coating on the glass that gets destroyed with contact of any

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adhesive tape whatsoever. If anyone does not heed this warning, the Men's Club will be billed for the \$300 charge to replace the coating.

- The school kitchen will be needed on Wednesday and Thursday to serve the children lunch. The Men's Club should be aware of that and restrict their usage of ovens and stoves to the smaller kitchen and/or the Kroc Center.

There were many good questions and comments; too many to adequately note here. However, Pete Kirschling will forward Stacy's email address to everyone so that if anyone has any questions they need answered, she can deal with them directly.

Wild Game Feed comments:

- Jason Karbon asked everyone to help collect items for the silent auction baskets. Specifically, booze, beer, gift cards and gift baskets themselves. Any other items that would go well with a gift basket would be great also. Please don't limit yourselves to trite items as we need all items, big and small (and hopefully pricey)! Jason got shot down by several major stores and organizations but did get positive responses from the Brewers and Milwaukee Admirals.
- Pete Kirschling had a list from prior auctions that had a "hit list" of people to contact for donations. He will reach out to those people and try to scrounge things up.
- John Lokken said the WGF tickets were with Orv Konop so he apologized for not having them at the meeting. He will reach out to Orv and get tickets distributed. Please let John know if you would like him to set aside tickets for you. He will have them after the weekend Masses if you would like to pick them up then. As far as the posters were concerned, he was going to get a small quantity of them as they could easily be duplicated on anyone's color copier as it is a basic design on white paper.
- Bob Olson was looking for someone to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. That person would keep track of where we need people, how many and who would fill the positions. He also thought it might be beneficial to have a Meat Coordinator as well so we would know if we have shortcomings in needs for our event. Anyone wishing to step in to either of these roles, please let him know.
- Dan Kiernan provided a meat report (although this stenographer did not get all the exact quantities). Suffice it to say, we need venison (steaks are always in high demand), fowl and other wild game. Since there will not be a bunny hunt, we will decide if we should buy rabbit or just eliminate it from our offering.

Bob Olson mentioned that the Men's Club is scheduled to staff St. John's Homeless Shelter sometime in January. It's usually a Sunday night (two shifts) with 2-3 people needed although the exact date escapes him. Once we figure out which day it is, we will ask for volunteers to fill the spots.

Open Floor:

- Pete Kirschling said that anyone who has booze (or any other items for that matter) to donate, they can be dropped off at the Parish Center. That will be our central collecting point due to restrictions on school entry.
- Sean Ryan said he has the bar permit and asked if we still wanted to work with WDUZ-FM (The Fan) for event promotion. All agreed it was worth it to get the exposure we need.
- Doug Hutchison said he would solicit Simon's Cheese for appetizers again. He also mentioned he has free passes to the All-Canada Show in January (26th-29th) to anyone who is interested.
- Bob Olson wanted everyone to welcome Dave Dvorak as a new member in attendance. Dave was welcomed with a warm round of applause!

Having no further business to tend to, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm to commence with our informal Cribbage Tournament.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: February 2nd 7:00 St. Matthew School Cafeteria (Wild Game Feed Final Planning)