

ST. MATTHEW MEN'S CLUB

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Minutes of St. Matthew Men's Club October 6, 2022

Our October meeting was called to order at 7:03pm by President Bob Olson. There were approximately 22 members in attendance. Greg Simonson opened with a prayer for food for children starving worldwide. The Minutes of our September 2022 meeting were approved and Pete Kirschling presented a Treasurer's summary of \$11,493.26 on hand as of September 30th which included \$2308.53 from Hilly Haven which had been received but not paid.

Communications:

We received three cards since our last meeting, all regarding the 100th Anniversary Cookout. Jan Priewe thanked us for our efforts and added "the Men's Club does make a difference!" Ann Froelich thanked us as well adding "God's blessings on all of you for the blessing you are to St. Matthew." And Kelly Fitzgerald thanked everyone for their help with the Tailgate Party and appreciated all the work the guys (and gals) did.

Old Business:

The Men's Club recapped the 100th anniversary weekend (spaghetti dinner and tailgate picnic) and extended a special thanks to Marc Gerbec for his involvement.

Pete Kirschling followed up on Mary VanLangendon's donation to the Men's Club (\$3000) saying he sent her a personal thank you on behalf of all the members. I told her we would keep her in the loop as to what we would do with the contributions we received.

The new Men's Club schedule cards are printed and available now. Please be sure you take several and use them as they are intended, handing them out to prospective members and inviting them to a meeting. There will also be a stack of them in the Gathering Space.

Lastly, Pete Kirschling had the opportunity to evaluate the final financials from the Harry LaTour golf outing and determined we are still running the event in the red. The fees were raised \$20 this year (from \$50 to \$70) and we still ended up over \$600 short. If we raised the event another \$10 (\$80 per person), we would finally hit an equilibrium and allow the event to be self-supporting. Everyone concurred that raising the fee once again would be the best way to proceed. If there is attrition due to the cost, so be it.

New Business:

A couple items were brought up in relation to the next Wild Game Feed. Marc Gerbec said that he could provide cold storage for any venison at Paul's Pantry. Marc is the new operations manager for Paul's Pantry so that is welcomed news as storage can become problematic.

Ticket pricing was brought up as we had been at \$25 for many years and wondered whether we should up it to \$30. At least ten years ago, we started the practice of charging more for tickets purchased at the door. It was a way to gauge attendance to insure an adequate food supply. Initially there was a little pushback but it has become accepted now as a part of doing business. With that discussion, a motion was made to set prices for the 2023 WGF at \$30 advance tickets and \$40 at the door. The motion carried. Then, discussion centered about the cost for a corporate table which started out at \$400 then went up to \$500 a few years back. A motion was made to increase the cost of a corporate table to \$600 (for eight guests). That motion also carried.

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Open Floor:

Pete Kirschling mentioned that he has been having issues with members that use RoadRunner for their email service. (RoadRunner uses an address such as name@new.rr.com) For some reason, those with that address get kicked back as "undeliverable." He always uses BCC (blind carbon copy) when sending out member news so that only the recipients get the news and are not aware of who else is on the email list. Apparently, RoadRunner objects to that form of mail and treats it as spam. The surest way to be sure to get his email communications is to go into their settings and allow email from my server or to provide an email address that does not have the "new.rr.com" suffix. If you are one of these culprits, please let him know if you have an alternative address.

Greg Simonson mentioned that the Green Bay Diocese would no longer be supporting the Boy Scouts going forward. He said the problem was between the diocese and the church and not St. Matthew's vs. the scouts. (Note: the Scouts have always been recipients of Wild Game Feed disbursements for many, many years.)

Our next meeting (Thursday, November 3rd) would be a Veterans Appreciation themed meeting. Although no formal Veteran program will be offered, it is hoped that veterans in attendance would share some of their personal stories with the members. Mark Dorvinen stated that the Knights of Columbus do an event for the veterans at Allouez Cemetery and perhaps some might come to our meeting and share their stories.

There is no special food on the menu for our meeting so we are looking for someone to prepare chili or a few people to prepare chili for a "chili dump." If you wish to share your culinary skills with the members, please let us know.

Lastly, a new member, Rob Jadin, was present at this meeting. Bob Olson welcomed him and introduced him to the members and greeted him with a warm round of applause. Welcome Rob!

Having no further business to tend to and fresh shrimp awaiting our attention, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Kirschling
Secretary/Treasurer

Next Meeting: November 3rd 7:00pm St. Matthew's School Cafeteria (Veterans Appreciation Night)