Knight of Columbus Cardinal Muench Council No. 782

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Date: 11 February 2019

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by Grand Knight Jim Flaherty.

He led the Council in the State Deputy’s Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Officers:

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| Chaplain | Fr. Charles Fischer | P | Advocate | Robert Roberts | A |
| Grand Knight | Jim Flaherty | P | Warden | --------- |  |
| Deputy Grand Knight | Mark Jepperson | P | Inside Guard | Duane Smith | E |
| Chancellor | ------- |  | Outside Guard | Caliton Ntahompagaze | P |
| Financial Secretary | John Herlick | P | 3 year Trustee | Glen Krogman | P |
| Treasurer | Richard Sherman | P | 2 year Trustee | Joseph Szmerekovsky | P |
| Recorder | Joshua Bartholomew | P | 1 year Trustee | Ken Mondry | P |

P-present, A-Absent, E-Excused

Also in attendance:

* District Deputy Kevin Cowles
* There was clarification on the current individuals filling the trustee roles and additional discussion on the duties of the trustees.

Chaplain’s Message:

* Fr. Fischer read a short meditation from *The Three Marks of Manhood* by G.C. Dilsaver, published by TAN Publishing. He provided further expansion following this reading.

District Deputy’s Report:

* See attached report
* Kevin C. reported that he has given additional raffle tickets to John. He added that one dollar of every three dollars sold comes back to the council.
* Exemplifications
  + The regular Tuesday 1st degree on February 19th has been postponed.
  + There is an upcoming 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree exemplification on Sunday, March 10th at St. Leo’s in Casselton.
  + There will also be a 4th degree exemplification on Tuesday, February 26th. This will be just the exemplification; no supper or mass following. This should be done by 9pm.
* Kevin C. checked that we were on track for the semi-annual audit.
* He also confirmed that we had completed our fraternal survey. He asked John H. to check whether we had completed our Special Olympics reporting.
  + Richard remarked that the Special Olympics has yet to cash their second check.
  + Kevin C. suggested that we reach out to the Special Olympics staff directly.
* The necrology report is due March 1st. This is important so that our deceased knights will receive a memorial candle at the Supreme Convention.
* Other program reports are also due on March 1st.
* Monthly Reporting
  + We were showing as having completed zero reporting as of February 3rd.
  + Glen has the confirmation emails from the reports; Kevin C. requested to be sent a copy.
* The Supreme Convention this year is in Minneapolis.
  + Kevin C. suggested that we consider sending our Chaplain or another parish priest to the Convention.
* Discover Newsletter
  + Edith would like a few paragraphs from each council regarding what we are doing. Those need to be submitted by March 1st.
* Youth Basketball Free Throw Contest
  + Council 11930 is hosting one Friday, February 15th. It will be at Shanley High School, during the basketball game.
* Safe Environment
  + Kevin C. stated that Jim F. is still marked as not complete. Jim said he would look into it.
  + No one is listed as a family or community director, so this will need to be appointed in the near future.
* State Convention Planning
  + Kevin C. stated that there is still a need volunteers to make calls to sell ads in the convention program.
  + 50% of the net proceeds go back to the councils (minus program printing); we could potentially raise a few hundred dollars.
* St. Francis Thrift Store
  + Kevin C. pointed our attention to the letter requesting help.
* Special Olympics State Summer Games
  + In the past, local councils have provided all the meals for three days. (A total of six meals) They will most likely ask us to provide this service again.
  + The Thursday night meal will be at St. Mary’s. The reservation has been made.
  + Kevin asked for some new leadership to step up to help. Kevin is willing to help train in this new leadership.
  + The event will take place on June 6th, 7th, and 8th.
  + Another option is to perhaps let each council serve a single meal.
  + Jim F. stated that he worked the Thursday meal last year and there were a large number of volunteers who came to help out.
* Faith in Action
  + There is a new Faith in Action program page on the Supreme website. Kevin C. encouraged us to look over it.

Treasurer’s Report:

* Richard Sherman reported a balance for February was $9,984.79.

Expenses:

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| **Expense** | **Amount** |
| Jim Flaherty – Breakfast supplies | $31.92 |
| North Dakota Special Olympics | $300.00 |
| Kevin Spies – Breakfast supplies | $141.27 |
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$645.19 total expenses

Income:

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| **Income** | **Amount** |
| December Breakfast | $722.00 |

$722.00 total income

Financial Secretary’s Report:

Membership:

* John H. reported that the Semi-annual report needs to be signed by the Grand Knight and trustees.
* No request for admissions.
* One member has asked to withdraw from the Order: Kim Camlets.
* Communications – We need to get the registration off before April.
* Member retention
  + Second notice came out on January 31st.
  + As of today, 10 members have subsequently paid, so we have 25 members with outstanding dues.
  + Members who are still outstanding after March 2nd must be contacted by the retention committee. This committee typically consists of the Deputy Grand Knight, the trustees, and the proposer for that candidate.
  + John H. and Kevin C. also noted that the Financial Secretary cannot be part of the retention committee.

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| **Current Membership** | **Amount** |
| Present | 223 |
| Associate | 103 |
| Insurance | 70 |
| Inactive | 51 |
| Including Honorary | 12 |
| Including Honorary Life | 63 |

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| **Quotas** | **Gain/Loss** | **Percentage attained** |
| Membership | -2 | 0% |
| Insurance | -3 | 0% |

*Financials*:

* We are over the halfway mark for collection of dues for 2019.

Funds Presented to Treasurer:

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| **Source** | **Date** | **Amount** |
| Dues | 14 Jan 2019 | $1,281.00 |
| Dues | 22 Jan 2019 | $420.00 |
| Dues | 29 Jan 2019 | $270.00 |
| Dues | 10 Feb 2019 | $270.00 |
| Breakfast | 20 Jan 2019 | $538.00 |
| Chili Contest |  | $490.00 |

$3,269.00 total received

Bills for Payment:

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| **Payable to** | **Date Incurred** | **Vendor** | **Reason** | **Amount** |
| Kevin Spies |  | Sam Club ($113.73)  Hornbachers ($45) | Supplies for Chili contest | $158.73 |

$2,117.66 due.

* John H. reported that, according to the bank, we had $9,744.71.
* He also reported that the total for checks cleared 1-31 Jan 2019 was $2,458.93.
* He reported that our deposits were $2,990.00.
* Funds in the bank as of 31 Jan 2019: $10,287.79. This is the first time we’ve been at five figures in a long time.
* John H. made motion to pay the bills, seconded by Glen K. The motion passed.

Old Business:

* Breakfasts
  + 538 total income
  + Jim wonderful job at fundraising
  + Ken Turnout is very good
  + Our council donated 9lbs of chili to new life center
  + Jim seemed more interested in tasting the competition chili
  + Next breakfast is not until 5/19
  + 50th anniversary of Fr. Bitz’s priesthood
  + Tammy asking for volunteers (2 at 8 and 3-4 at 10) at the 8 and 10 (good husband wife)
* Chili Cookoff
  + Total 490
  + Bill 158

New Business:

* Lenten meals
  + Jim proposed to do like in past years
  + Cost of fish is killer profit wise
  + Fr. Suggested mac and cheese
  + No disputes, so we will continue as we have
  + Three weeks of fish last year. Those are the most work, and most attended.
  + Menu will be advertised in bulletin.
  + We are doing this because Msgr has requested it.
  + Feed to 6:45, stations at 7:30
  + Ken thought that we were in competition with other councils
    - Jim said that Nativity only does one week
    - Rich said that Holy cross does each week
    - Jim thought we should be able to support this with our own parishioners
* Jim said Checking account balance has been going up
  + Having too much money can be as much of a problem as
  + Where do we want our money to go to
    - McMerty food pantry has requested whatever we can give
    - Fr and Ken think the pantry should be 1 or 2 on the list
    - Msgr thinks the hymnals are ratty looking
    - Rich thinks more should be done with the seminarians
      * Fr weighed in, do we want to give money to any seminarian or ones that we have a connection to
      * Don’t want to give too much money to the seminarians
      * $500 is a big chunk of change and is the top range that Fr. suggests
      * Ken thought that 2-4 candidates
      * Glen we’ve been giving $500 to 2-4 candidates
      * Glen said that the parish is giving us money through the pancake breakfasts. Jim agreed, we should focus on the parish community.
      * Catholic Charities? Fr. would be careful to give to CC. Fr. sees a lot of folks who come here from the newman center. Perhaps give to that.
      * John said Br. Reinike is part of our council.
      * Rich made a point that we get more money back from RSVP.
      * 3-4 of our own.
      * Jim would like to
      * consensus
        + First funding priority needs to be our own parish
        + Second – seminarians connected to us.
        + Newman Center, Catholic Charities, First Choice
      * Rich asked how many of the ministries would be shifted to the parish
      * Mark said that the hierarchy of priorities are good.
      * Ken thought we could prioritize the food pantry
      * Fr. would like to see someone look into the seminarians to give money to.
      * Parks guy $600 dollars to the food pantry, Glen seconds, passed.
  + Jim wants to get good at giving money.
  + John thought that this would be our high point of funds.
  + Fr. noted that we would need to decide tonight to give to
    - Rich liked First Choice
    - Fr. Thought we should do two: first choise
    - Fr. moved to $250 each to first choice and newman center
    - Mark seconds
    - Passed
* Catholic Daughters dropped off valentines for our sig others
  + They would like to do more with us.
  + Jim will pass out
* Glen: Do we know anyone that needs help with shoveling?
  + Glen is willing to help.
  + Rich knows one: jo harsy
  + Glen wants to see us be doing service as well.
  + Fr. mentioned Gene Hoffarth. Might not need, because in apartment. Same with Ruth
  + Joan Rowe, would need help.
  + Glen will make some calls.
  + Jim told glen to use the email list to distribute

Knight, Family, and Altar Server of the Month:

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| **Family of the Month** | **Knight of Month** | **Altar Server of Month** |
| The Spies Family | Loren Loh | Victor Splonskowski |

* made a motion to approve consensus

For the Good of the Order:

* Sharon Sherman
* Mike Woinarowicz, having health problems
* Glen’s mom, for her surgery
* Calitan’s mom, for her cataracts
* Steven Richards, parishioner Pancreatic cancer
* For the repose of the souls of:
  + Donald W. Jepperson, Mark Jepperson’s father
  + Earl Mondry, Ken Mondry’s father
  + Ruth Flaherty, Jim Flaherty’s mother
  + Ralph Lauer, Jane Jepperson’s father
  + Sharon Sherman’s son
  + Milton Evenson, a former member of our council
  + Richard Wehage

Closing Prayer/Adjournment:

The regular meeting ended at 8: PM with the Fr. McGivney Prayer for the Good of the Order.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Bartholomew, Recorder

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