

27 March 2008

**St. Rita Men's Club
March 2008 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting is called to order by President Don Corsten. Father Tom led the opening prayer.

Those present are:

Tom O'Hare	Ed Carone	Vern Quast	Joe Colello	Chick Huettel	Ross Leo
Tom Roache	Dick Ryan	Ben Messing	Paul Sirmans	Ed Dougherty	Ralph Barnard
Gene Fowler	Father Tom	Michael Klein			

Minutes from the last meeting of 21 February 2008 were read by Michael Klein. Joe Colello made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Dick Ryan and carried.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Vern Quast. The ending balance thru 3-27-08 is \$6,917.83 calculated as follows:

See attached e-mail from Joe Colello dated 18 March 08. The \$4,000.00 approved at the last meeting to be disbursed to the church maintenance account is still included in the current balance. Ed Carone made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Gene Fowler and carried.

Old Business

Don Corsten read an e-mail from Tony Logue. See attached.

Chick Huettle made a motion for the Men's Club to sponsor a Mass for \$45.00 for Bob Wish, Bob Borella, and Jim Mahan. Bob Borella had a heart attack and is scheduled for surgery next week in FT. Walton Beach. Bob Wish is having problems with his back and sciatica nerve. Jim Mahan is recovering from hip socket surgery. Ed Corone seconded the motion and carried. Michael Klein will submit request to the office.

Joe Colello withdrew his request for the Men's Club to sponsor a fish fry diner for St. Rita HFH on 30 May 2008. Joe said this is not a good time for the vendors that have supported our fish fry dinners. They are coming off a slow winter business and will be starting a busy summer season and may not be able to support us now as they do in the winter. Joe suggested discussing a late summer or early fall dinner at a later meeting.

Dick Ryan asked if refinishing of the exterior woodwork at the front entry of the church as voted upon at last month's meeting was approved as a project and if cost proposals had been received. Joe Colello said a cost estimate has been received from Juan Carlos of \$4,000.00. Juan Carlos is a painting contractor who has done other work for the church. Joe Colello added that a large part of the total cost is for a lift rental of \$900.00 and if other arrangements for equipment rental could be made there could be significant savings. Father Tom said refinishing of the woodwork had been approved. Ed Corone suggested contacting Eddie O'Brien for possible names of vendors who might be able to provide a lift at a lower cost. Don Corsten said he would contact Danny Wilson of Chelco to see if they could provide a lift at a lower cost. Ed Corone made a motion to accept the proposal from Juan Carlos and proceed with the refinishing, Chick Huettel seconded and carried.

No other old business was discussed.

New Business

Vern Quast stated he is working with Jim Kelly and Father Guido of Resurrection Parish on the golf challenge

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Tournament on 6 April 2008 with A, B, C, and D level players. They are expecting 80 participants. Vern said that they are looking at this as an annual fundraising event and is seeking ideas to help support it such as selling mulligans. Ed Corone suggested closes to pin prizes on par three holes. Paul Sirmans said the most profitable tournament he has been involved with had a donated items auction. Tom O'Hare asked if this was a challenge tournament or a family fun event. Father Tom suggested the event needs a Traveling Cup Trophy for the winners as a Parish Trophy. Vern said that the suggested tournament name is St. Rita Resurrection Big Bend. He also said other ideas to level the playing field are to allow certain golfers to use the women's tees. Dick Ryan stated they are not called women's tees but forward tees. Ralph Barnard asked if Vern uses the women's tees, should he wear a dress.

Ed Dougherty presented the options for the annual last meeting of the Men's Club before summer break. Last year 28 signed up for the dog track event, but only 16 showed up. The Buffet is on Saturday's only. 25 or more are needed to qualify for discounts. The track is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The May meeting is Thursday, 15 May 2008. Don Corsten asked for a show of hands of those present who are interested. Approximately 5 raised their hand. Don Corsten asked for other options. Chick Huettel suggested a Men's Club Wine up the Season card night @ St Rita on 15 May 2008. Tom O'Hare suggested we bring in food. He will provide menu. Chick Huettel will chair and organize this event. E-mail sign up to Chick is required. Chick Huettel made a motion to proceed with Card Night, seconded by Ed Carone and carried.

Don Corsten said his 2 year term as President is up and asked for nomination. Joe Colello asked Vice-President Ed Corone if he could serve as President. Ed stated he would be willing except he is only in town a short amount of time during the year and could not serve adequately. Joe Colello then nominated Tom O'Hare, seconded by Chick Huettel and carried.

No other new business was presented.

Dick Ryan made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Joe Corello and carried. Father Tom closed the meeting with a prayer.

End

Michael Klein, Secretary
St. Rita Men's Club