

Eight members in attendance. Meeting was opened with a prayer Minutes read an approved

Treasure's report: Last month's closing balance was .....\$8,056.67  
Closing Balance as of March 15, 2011.....\$14,146.16

Old Business:

Sign was placed on cooking trailer since the last meeting. The grill has also been installed and was used at Spirit night and worked great.

Discussion followed about the up coming Freeport Arts and Crafts Festival as to what was to be cooked using the trailer? Bill Hodge said he needed to know if it was the consensus to make barbeque because it would take a few days to prepare it. Also insurance for the cooking trailer was brought up and Bill Lender called the diocese and then reported to President Kline that he had a partial answer. The diocese office lady stated that the diocese does insure trailers, but the trailer has to be put in the diocese's name not St. Rita Church. Also that the deductible would only be about \$1000.00, but President Kline said once he hears from the diocese office on all the insurance situation he would get back with the Men's Club.

Jim Mahan stated that the best selling food last year was barbeque at the Freeport festival. Ed Carone made a motion that Bill Hodge was to be in charge of the menu. It was approved by the members.

Bill Hodge said he would like to get a menu board for the trailer. Motion was made by the president for the purchase and it was approved.

Ed Carone brought up subject of the budget as we found ourselves behind coming into the fish fries. President Kline said we would deal with the subject under new business.

Mortgage Burning is still in the planning stage at this time

Interior church lighting:

Father said at the last meeting we should drop the matter due to the expense involved and perhaps focus perhaps the walk bridge across the wetland area from the portable buildings to the church or some other project.

Church Bus:

Jim Kelly and President Kline went over to Sandestin and discussed the donation or sale of one of the used buses but Sandestin indicated they wanted to sell the buses as one lot and not piece-meal. Later Jim Kelly contacted them again and they said they would not donate but did reconsider selling one for \$37,000.00. The units had 80,000 miles which was considered completely out-of-line. Jim Kelly also called an Atlanta company which stated they was overstocked with them, however Jim Kelly was going to approach the owner of Sandestin directly to see if a donation was still feasible.

Knights of Columbus fish fry assistance:

Joe Colello was not at meeting so there was no discussion.

Pasta Dinner:

Brought in a little over \$1,400.00 gross sales with the net at around \$1,100.00. Boy Scouts also sold tickets ...but the church crowd turnout was disappointing, however, the income was better than last year.

## Habitat for Humanity

President Kline reported that Mrs. Hoolahan with Habitat said St. Rita Habitat House funds were approximately \$40,000.00 at this time and when St Rita signed onto the project the cost was \$50,000 but today the cost is \$62,500. Habitat hopes to have some more fundraisers and be able to start on the house in October. President Kline said that he felt the house should be built in south Walton instead of the Defuniak area. Lots are now cheap in the area.

They requested a donation of \$5000.00 but at this time the club is unable to contribute but will study as to what we can donate at a later date when we make our contributions from the fish fries.

### New Business:

Ed Carone suggested that St. Rita perhaps have an arts & crafts gathering and have it both inside the Mary Star Sea Room and also outside. There was discussion and Ed Carone will have a lady come to the next meeting that could explain how the program works. October would be a nice time to hold the function according to Ed.

### Men's Club Funds:

Chick Huettel proposed a reserve fund be kept in the Men's club of \$3000.00 so we would not be caught short again and President Kline also said we may need that much because of unknown liability costs on the trailer. It was voted upon and approved.

### Money Distribution for proposed projects and charities:

St. Vincent de Paul.....2000

Habitat.....2000

CCW.....3000

Boy Scouts .....1000

St. Religious Education....1000

Liturgical Books.....?

Annual maintenance of trailer 500

Liability insurance for trailer....1000

Shuttle bus .....?

Reserve fund .....3000

While we have approximately \$14,000.00 net, the project costs could hit \$18,000.00

Pre-school funding was not approved.

The motion was made that the meeting be closed and a final prayer was lead by President Kline.