

21 February 2008

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

The meeting is called to order by Vice-President Ed Carone. Dave Casey led the opening prayer.

Those present are:

Bob Wish Dave Casey Tom O'Hare Ed Carone Vern Quast Joe Colello
Tom Roache Dick Ryan Michael Klein

Minutes from the last meeting of 17 January 2008 were read by Michael Klein. Dick Ryan made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Dave Casey and carried.

Old Business

The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Vern Quast. He stated that it is difficult to precisely balance the account when member expenses are turned into Ellen in the office prior to his review so that he can accurately record them to the correct category. Joe Colello suggested that all members turn in their expenses to Vern so that they can be recorded and then he will turn them over to Ellen. The ending balance thru 2-21-08 is 7,615.00 calculated as follows:

2,116.37	net from First Fish Fry Dinner on 18 January 2008
1,591.00	Pasta Dinner on 2 February 2008
74.00	50/50 raffle
<u>119.00</u>	wine
1,784.00	total sales
540.13	total expenses
1,243.87	net sales
4,173.00	2 nd Fish Fry Dinner on 15 February 2008
<u>105.00</u>	wine
4,278.00	total sales
1,106.84	total expenses
3,171.16	net sales
6,531.40	net profit from dinners.
1,116.17	balance carried forward
32.57	expenses to Knights of Columbus for deserts given to Fish Fry dinners.
7,615.00	balance.

Dick Ryan made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Bob Wish and carried. Joe Colello made a motion to distribute proceeds per previous commitments as follows:

1,000.00	St Vincent de Paul Society
1,000.00	Boy Scouts Troop 562
4,000.00	To maintenance account to refinish exterior wood at front church entry.
267.50	CCW

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This leaves a remaining balance of 1,347.50. The profits from the last fish fry dinner to benefit the Men's Club and CCW. Tom O'hare asked if an estimated cost has been provided to make the repairs to the church front entry. Joe Colello said an estimate has not been solicited. Tom O'hare then suggested that we hold off dispersing the 4,000.00 to this maintenance account if total costs are unknown and additional money is needed to do the work. No other discussion was offered. Dave Casey made a motion to disperse the funds as outlined by Joe Colello, seconded by Bob Wish and carried.

Tom O'hare asked the outcome of the HFH pancake breakfast. Dave Casey said the breakfast and nearly new sale was successful and raise approx. 1,400.00 for St. Rita HF. Thank you to the Men's Club for helping make this a success.

Ed Carone said no storage is available for Men's Club items in the church. Storage is available in the administration building garage.

No other old business was discussed.

New Business

Dave Casey made a motion for the Men's Club to further support the Heartball dance with a 500.00 donation to the CCW to help offset debt incurred on this event. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Tom O'hare asked why beer along with wine was not available at the fish fry dinners. Joe Colello said we do not have a liquor license so wine only was first provided at the pasta dinner and then continued at the fish fry dinners and is not sold but offered with a suggested donation of one dollar per glass.

Joe Colello said that the fish fry dinners have been successful fundraisers and suggested trying a fish dinner once during the busy tourist season on a major holiday with proceeds going to benefit St. Rita HFH. Upon further discussion Joe added since some St. Rita members may leave town on holidays, he suggested having the dinner during the week of the holiday but not on the holiday. Dave Casey made a motion for the Men's Club to consider this proposal, seconded by Bob Wish and carried.

Tom O'Hare asked if bingo has ever been considered as a fundraiser. Ed Carone said in the past a complete outlined proposal had been presented and did not receive approval.

Dick Ryan suggested the Men's Club discuss other fundraising ideas such as car or golf cart raffle. No other discussion was offered.

Ed Carone said the St. Rita Church picnic is on 11 May 2008 at Eden State Park in Pt. Washington and the Men's Club needs volunteers for cooking. John Fox, Ross Leo, and Jim Mahan were voluntold. Mike Klein also volunteered.

Mike Klein said the Boy Scouts are very appreciative of the support the Men's Club has provided them. All of the money will be used to help send the Scouts (not adults) to summer camp. The cost of summer camp is 225.00 for each Scout. Some of the older scouts were at Greenbier Training that weekend at STSR. But any scout who attended the training or helped at the Pasta dinner will share in the funds. There are 13 Scouts signed up for camp, so that's 76.92 in each account. Six of the 13 scouts going to camp are St. Rita members. The boys enjoyed working the dinner and the experience helps them grow. The younger boys think Boy Scouts is about camping and other outdoor activities, but it more than that. It's about character development and

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leadership skills. By including them in the event, St. Rita men are good role models by providing first hand examples of community service and service to others. I sincerely appreciate all the support and acknowledgement the Men's Club has provided the Scouts and hope you can continue supporting them at one of the dinners. Events like this help give the scouts a presents in the church and community.

Joe Colello said the last Fish Fry Dinner is 7 March 2008. Assignments have been E-mailed out. Please, if you cannot make your assignment, let Joe Colello know. If you are working the dinner and need to leave for Mass or Stations of the Cross, please let your team leader know so that we can find a fill-in. At the last dinner we were caught short handed at times.

Ed Carone said he has committed the Men's Club to building Adirondack chairs for the Pre-School program. They will paint them with an artistic design and auction them for fundraising

No other new business was presented.

Tom O'hare made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tom Roache and carried. Dave Casey closed the meeting with prayer.

End.

Michael Klein, Secretary
St. Rita Men's Club