

**19 March 2009**

**St. Rita Men's Club  
March 2009 Monthly Meeting**

The Men's Club meeting is called to order by President Tom O'Hare. Tom O'Hare led the opening prayer.

Those present are:

Joe Colello Ed Carone Gene Fowler Chick Huettel Jim Kelly Tom O'Hare Dick Ryan  
Bob Wish Michael Klein

Minutes from the last meeting of 19 February 2009 were read by Michael Klein. Gene Fowler made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Wish and carried.

No Treasurers Report was presented. Treasurer Vern Quast is absence.

**Old Business**

Jim Kelly updated the progress of securing a transportation van. The van purchase is on hold for the time being because of insurance issues and the current financial climate and monthly collections at St. Rita. The Dioceses said they would not insure the 2006 Chevy G3500 van we were looking at because of the safety problems with 15 passenger vans. Also Jim Kelly said the window treatment project in the MSSR is also on hold because of lack of funding.

Joe Colello gave a Summary for the Fish Fry results for March 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Headcount	Adults	335
	Children	15
Gross Income	Door	\$2,797.67
	50/50	362.00
	Wine	97.00
	Fish	20.00
	Total	\$3,276.67
Expenses		\$1,358.76
Profit		\$1,917.91

Joe Colello said some changes were made to help with the traffic flow. 50/50 raffle tickets were sold at the door to help with seating. The price was changed from 6/\$5.00 to 8/\$5.00 to encourage more sales. The time of the drawing is changed to 6:15 so as to be held prior to the start of Station of the Cross. Children age 6-12 ticket prices are added at \$3.50 per dinner.

Tom O'Hare suggested the entire Men's club help with promoting the dinners by distributing flyers on car windshields in area parking lots.

Tom O'Hare read a Christmas thank you card from Father Tom for the \$100 cash gift from the Men's Club and a thank you card from St. Vincent de Paul Society for the \$2,500 donation given to them by the Men's Club.

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**New Business**

Dick Ryan made a recommendation to the Men's Club that we look into supporting other groups in the community such as Caring and Sharing Hands of South Walton and Sacred Heart Hospital. Jim Kelly suggested that the Men's Club priority should be groups within St. Rita Parish such as the Prison Ministries and other St. Rita Ministries.

Jim Kelly and Tom O'Hare will put together a list of Ministries that need our support and present it to the Men's Club. Jim Kelly suggested one priority is six (6) new tables and a number of chairs for the MSSR to be used at dinners and other functions so that the tables and chairs from the portable buildings do not have to be moved back and forth. He also suggested new robes for Altar Servers to be used at Christmas and Easter in the liturgical color of the season.

Tom O'Hare asked Chick Huettel for an update on the confessional project. Mike Klein said he will have a cost estimate at the April meeting.

No other new business was presented.

Bob Wish made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Ed Carone and carried. Tom O'Hare closed the meeting with a prayer.

End

Michael Klein, Secretary  
St. Rita Men's Club