

St. Rita Men's Club Meeting

15 February 2007

The members combined the first part of the meeting with the women of the CCW for the purpose of coordinating the events leading up to the Fish Fry tomorrow (Friday 16 February 2007). The Joint Meeting was opened by Theresa Leo with a prayer "Our Lady of Good Council" followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Don Corsten turned the meeting over to Joe Colello who detailed the responsibilities for the conduct on the Fish Fry and explained the reason for moving the date to Friday to make way for a large wedding on Saturday. All accepted the explanation and agreed to make the event a success. Those in attendance included, Don Corsten, Ross Leo, Bob Wish, Jim Mahan, Bob Borella, Joe Colello, Michael Klein, Andrew Still, Ron Michalak, John Varino, Jim Kelly, Gene Fowler, Tony Logue, Ed Carone, John Fox, Zeke Bratkowski, Ed Dougherty, Johnnie Frank, Dick Ryan, Vern Quast, Joe DeCandia and Dave Casey. The members then moved the meeting to the hall way. Joe DeCandia gave a presentation about the parish mission scheduled for 12, 13, and 14 March 2007. Father Bill Halbing, a renowned evangelist will direct the mission titled "Living as God's Disciples". Each evening will begin with Mass at 5:15 followed with Soup and Sandwich at 6:00. The teaching will start at 6:30. Everyone was encouraged to take advantage of this excellent Lenten Mission.

The Treasurers Report was presented by the treasurer Vern Quast who asked that all bills chargeable to the Men's Club be presented through him. There is a balance of \$4614.09. The income from the dinners had been outstanding. The Pasta dinner resulted in a gift to the Boy Scouts of \$1014.94. Mike Klein thanked the Men's Club on behalf of the Scout Troop 562. Profit on the fish dinner was \$2001.08. Saint Vincent DePaul Society was designated \$1000.00 from the fish dinner and the CCW received \$350.38 in the 65/35 split of the remaining \$1001.08. Don Corsten will present a check to Mike Klein, Leader of Scout Troop 562. He will present a check to Tony Logue, President of St. Vincent dePaul Society as well. Bob Borella reminded the group of the sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity house from St. Rita Parish and that there be a concerted effort to accumulate the \$50,000 necessary for sponsorship. Bob Wish made a motion to accept the treasurers report which was seconded by Bob Borella and the motion carried. The minutes of the last meeting on 18 January 2007 were read by the Secretary Dave Casey. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Mahan, seconded by John Varino and carried.

Old Business: The tabled plan to build a storage area in the bell tower breezeway were dismissed with a motion made by Bob Borella seconded by Ed Carone and carried by the membership vote. The donation for the construction of the storage area will be returned to Eddie O'Brein unless he specifically wishes that those funds be utilized in the construction of the new workshop and storage building.

New Business: Discussion of offering a free glass of wine to those waiting in the long lines for fish and pasta dinners was very lively. Jim Kelly made a motion to continue the practice when warranted. The motion was seconded by Ed Carone and carried. Ed Carone made a motion that the dinners be spaced farther apart on next years calendar. Jim Mahan seconded the motion which carried. Scheduling the fish dinners on Friday vs. Saturday was discussed and tabled until after the fish fry tomorrow evening. There was

then the inevitable discussion on the price for the fish dinners. The members were reminded that the price is dependent on the cost of the fish. Tony Logue presented a glowing report on all the good works enabled by the Men's Club support to St. Vincent dePaul Society. Dave Casey reported on all the excellent support given by the entire parish to Habitat for Humanity in Walton County. The workforce has more than doubled and the Saturday meals for the workers has all been possible through the involvement of the parish. Johnnie Frank requested that rain gutters be installed on the side door roof shelters. Andrew Still reported that a solution to the rain runoff problem is underway. Andrew also reported on the progress of the workshop/storage building and requested the Men's Club participate in a work day when the wiring is complete. The two portables are to be painted the same color as the new workshop/storage building and the area will receive a beautification package with skirting and shrubbery. Estimates on refinishing the front outside arches of the church are being evaluated as well as stucco for cracks. Final announcements for the fish fry tomorrow were made. Bob Wish made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ed Carone and carried. Dave Casey closed the meeting with a prayer.