

St. Rita Men's Club Meeting

16 November 2006

The meeting was called to order by the President Don Corsten and opened with a prayer by Dave Casey. Those in attendance included, Don Corsten, Ross Leo, Robert Wish, Bob Borella, Joe Colello, John Fox, Andrew Still, Ron Michalak, Eddie O'Brien, Tony Logue, Paul O'Daniel, Don Rutland, Jeff Warton, Marshall Wright, Gene Fowler, Ed Dougherty, John Varino, Paul LeBleu, Jim Kelly, Dick Ryan, Ralph Barnard,, Jonnie Franck, Vern Quast and Dave Casey. The Treasurers Report was presented by the Treasurer, Vern Quast. There is a balance of \$2683.90. Activity included an anonymous donation for the cookers in the amount of \$318.00 and expenditures of \$47.26 for lunch on parish work day and \$34.17 for supplies. Bob Borella made a motion to accept the treasurer's report which was seconded by Ralph Barnard. The motion carried. The minutes of the last meeting on 19 October 2006 were read by Dave Casey. Bob Borella made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob Wish seconded the motion which carried.

Old Business:

Don Corsten relayed his discussion with Father Collins concerning meal charges for the Pasta Dinners and the Fish Dinners. Basically, Fr Collins has no objection to setting a price for the dinners but continues to hold that more funds are raised with donations than with a set charge. After a great deal of discussion a motion was made by Joe Colello to continue with the same pasta dinner arrangements as last year – donations. The motion was seconded by Dick Ryan. The motion carried. Joe Colello made a motion that there be a set amount charged for the fish dinners. The price will be set closer to the event when costs are better understood. Bob Wish seconded the motion which carried. Announcements and advertising for the various dinners will be handled by Jim Kelly. The porch enclosure plans remain on hold until Mike Klein presents the cost estimate. Andrew Still presented one of the new folding chairs to be purchased. The members all agreed that the chair is great and the parish should purchase as many as possible.

New Business:

Joe Colello announced that Father Tom will be on leave from the parish for six weeks starting on 2 January 2007.

Dave Casey reported that the parish sponsorship of a Habitat for Humanity home had a kick off meeting on 8 November 2006. Parish leadership of the project is being handled by Marshall Wright with assistance from Jeff Wharton. Over 40 parishioners volunteered to help with the HFH project. The next work day is Saturday 18 November 2006. A show of hands for those wishing to ride the bus to the work site reflected two. There are 12 parishioners signed up to frame the house on Saturday!

Tony Logue announced that St. Vincent DePaul was donating 5 turkeys for the Thanksgiving dinner sponsored by Caring & Sharing and Sacred Heart Hospital. The K of C is donating 10 turkeys. He requested the Men's Club donate 5 hams at approximately \$34 each. Dick Ryan made a motion to donate 5 hams for the Thanksgiving dinner (\$170). The motion was seconded by Ross Leo and carried. Don Corsten will order the ham from Kelly's and Paul O'Daniel will deliver them as necessary. Bob Wish made a motion that the meeting be adjourned which was seconded by Bob Borella. The motion carried and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Dave Casey.