

**20 September 2007**

**St. Rita Men's Club  
September 2007 Monthly Meeting**

The meeting is called to order by President Don Corsten. Joe Colello led the opening prayers.

Those present are:

Jim Mahan	Tony Logue	Bob Borella	Gene Fowler
Ross Leo	Ron Michalak	Don Corsten	Vern Quast
Jim Kelly	Bob Wish	Joe Colello	Dick Ryan
John Fox	Michael Klein		

Minutes from the last meeting of 19 April 2007 were read by President Don Corsten. No exceptions were noted at this time. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Borella, seconded by Gene Fowler and carried.

**Old Business:**

Joe Colello reported a change in the 2008 Dinner Calendar. The dates are as follows:

Monday 14 January 2008, 8:30am	Snow Bird Breakfast
Friday 18 January 2008, 3-7:00pm	Fish Fry
Saturday 2 February 2008, 3-7:00 pm	Pasta Dinner
Friday 15 February 2008, 3-7:00pm	Fish Fry
Friday 7 March 2008, 3-7:00pm	Fish Fry

These dates are confirmed in the parish calendar.

The Treasurers Report was presented by the Treasurer Vern Quast. There is a balance of \$3,252.63. This includes the most recent transaction of:

\$ 200.00	donation to Marie White.
\$ 20.24	refund to Men's Club from Bob Borella from last pasta dinner.
\$ 150.00	refund to Men's Club from St. Joseph Altar.

Vern Quast stated that the opening balance including the most recent transactions did not match the closing balance reported on 19 April 2007 (\$2,982.39). Despite this confusion this is an accurate and true account of current balance. Joe Colello made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Ron Michalak and carried.

Someone, whose identity has been entered into the witness protection program, re-opened the discussion of the refrigerator and freezer for the kitchen. No minutes were taken as no new information was provided and the discussion generally followed the lines of the prior time this item was discussed (see minutes from 19 April 2007). Jim Kelly stated that any discussion on all appliances be put on hold until the new Family Life Center plans are completed. Motion to table by John Fox, seconded by everyone except one.

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Joe Colello opened discussion to return the \$500.00 freezer donation to the Knights of Columbus. This item was raised at the last meeting and tabled. See minutes from 19 April 2007. Joe Colello stated that our relationship with the Knights would be best served by returning funds not spent on the intended purpose. Ross Leo made a motion to return the \$500.00 not spent on the Freezer to the Knights of Columbus, seconded by Bob Wish, motion carried.

**New Business**

Tony Logue reported that the St. Vincent de Paul Society funds are extremely low do to an unusually busy petitioner period. The Society had no collections in June and July and needs are increasing. Bob Borella asked how needs are assessed and how much aid a petitioner can receive. Tony Logue stated that home visits are used to determine need and that limits are placed on petitioner aid with some exceptions. Jim Kelly recommends monthly or quarterly reporting in the bulletin to help keep parishioners informed of St. Vincent de Paul's mission and needs. Jim Kelly made a motion to give \$500.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Don Corsten seconded the motion which passed.

Joe Colello stated that the dinners are currently the only activities the Men's Club is sponsoring or supporting. The major goal of the Men's club is to support the St. Rita parish community. We now need to explore other possible projects or supporting roles.

Don Corsten reported that Fr. Tom approached him stating that there is an opportunity for the Men's Club to take over the advertizing sales in the parish bulletin. The annual cost to the parish for outside middle man management of advertizing sales is approximately \$15,000.00. No information is currently provided to us on total advertizing sales revenue. Fr. Tom offered a benefit of \$7,500.00 to the Men's Club for managing sales. Bob Borella made a motion to set up an exploratory committee as follows:  
Bob Borella                      Chairman  
Dick Ryan                        member  
Other possible members suggested Eddie O'brien and Don Rutledge.  
Don Corsten seconded the motion which carried.

Joe Colello reported that the Knights of Columbus will again provide magnetic decals to sell to the membership at St. Rita at a cost of \$3.00 each or 2 for \$5.00. More information to follow.

Don Corsten reported that the lease has expired on the golf balls owned by the Men's Club in storage at his house John Fox suggested giving them away to any of the local high schools. Michael Klein said he would take them for the Boy Scouts to sell as a fund raiser.

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Jim Mahan made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ron Michalak. The motion carried and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Joe Colello.

End.