

16 October 2008

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

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

Those present are:

Bob Borella	Ed Carone	Michael Conmy	Gene Fowler	Jim Kelly	Fritz Lammers
Ross Leo	Jim Mahan	Joe Maioriello	Tom O'Hare	Tom Roach	Michael Klein
Bob Wish					

Minutes from the last meeting of 18 September 2008 were read by Michael Klein. An e-mail from Bill Hodge regarding the freezer discussion was read and added to the minutes. Jim Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Bob Wish and carried.

The Treasurers Report was presented by Tom O'Hare for Treasurer Vern Quast. The ending balance thru 16 October is \$1899.82. There is no change from the ending balance on 18 September 2008. Ross Leo made a motion to accept the Treasurers Report, seconded by Ed Carone and carried.

Old Business

Freezer discussion. Bob Borella cautioned to be careful about purchasing a new freezer from Sam's Club. The guarantee is from the manufacture and not Sam's Club which will require a service call from an outside technician possible causing time delays in service work. Also, Sam's club will charge a delivery fee. He recommends a chest type freezer over a standup model. Bob's source in Panama City will deliver and provide service. Jim Kelly said the staff prefers a standup freezer over chest type for ease of usage. Ross Leo disagrees with Bill Hodge's e-mail assessment not to buy a used freezer. He stated used equipment is ok if you purchase it from the right source. Jim Kelly said the freezer would be located in the garage at the administration building. Jim Kelly made a motion to investigate the cost and source of a new freezer, seconded by Bob Borella and carried. Ross Leo will look into cost and available of a new and/or used freezer thru his source and report back to Tom O'Hare as soon as possible. Bob Borella will also check on a new freezer with his source. Ed Carone suggested getting Bill Hodge's opinion once a freezer is identified and additional stated we can most likely get the \$500.00 donation back from the Knights of Columbus to purchase a freezer.

Tom O'Hare ask for further thoughts on last month's discussion on how to attract more younger members, a bus trip to Biloxi, a Casino night and an Executive Committee for planning. Ed Carone made a motion to set up an executive committee consisting of the current Men's Club Officers (Tom O'Hare, President, Ed Carone, Vice President, Vern Quast, Treasurer, and Michael Klein, Secretary) and start Poker night on Friday, 16 January 2009, seconded by Ross Leo and carried. Michael Klein to verify with Terry Casey available of the Mary Star of the Sea Room for this time. Jim Kelly made a motion to put the meeting minutes in the parish bulletin once per quarter, seconded by Bob Wish and passed. Tom O'Hare asked for further discussion on casino night as a fundraiser. Don Rutland's name was suggested as having experience conducting a casino night.

New Business

Ed Carone presented the winter schedule of Snowbird dinners.

Monday January 12, 2009 Snowbird Breakfast 9:00am.
Friday January 16, 2009 Fish Fry Dinner 3:00pm – 7:00pm.
Saturday February 7, 2009 Pasta Dinner 5:00pm – 7:00 pm.

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Friday February 27, 2009 Fish Fry Dinner 3:00 pm – 7:00pm.

Friday March 13, 2009 Fish Fry Dinner 3:00pm – 7:00pm.

These dates have been reserved with the office.

Ed Carone stated the supplier of the fish to the Men's Club for the dinners is to be presented a plaque expressing our appreciation for his services. Michael Klein to get the plaque. Joe Colello has name of supplier.

Gene Fowler made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Jim Mahan and carried. Tom O'Hare closed the meeting with a prayer.

End

Michael Klein, Secretary
St. Rita Men's Club