

**15 January 2009**

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

The meeting was started by Joe Colello addressing the Men's Club and the CCW. presenting the overall planning for the first fish fry dinner of the year. The team leaders, assignments, traffic flow, table layout and setup etc. were presented. See Joe for a copy of the assignment handout if you have not been contacted. The weather is expected to be cold and it is important to get the diners in and out of the cold. A handout list of future dinners will be available at the door and at the tables. Father Tom suggested collecting e-mail addresses at the door when selling tickets. Joe Colello reminded us to please wear your St. Rita hat. Joe also suggested that all workers please pay for their dinner and wine to maintain maximum profits. If you need to leave your station, or leave early, please let your team leader know. Also, please stay until the final clean up is completed. Joe stressed the importance of customer relations for this first dinner. The quality, portion and service are important to insure repeat business for future dinners.

The Pasta Dinner is Saturday, 7 February 2009. No other meeting will be held prior to the Pasta Dinner.

The Valentine Dance is Saturday, 14 February 2009. 140 tickets are available at a cost of \$25.00 each.

The joint meeting was adjourned.

The Men's Club meeting is called to order by Vice-President Ed Carone. Father Tom led the opening prayer.

Those present are:

Andy Bukaty Joe Colello Ed Carone John Fox Jim Kelly Jim Mahan Tom Roache Dick Ryan  
Bob Wish Michael Klein Father Tom

Minutes from the last meeting of 18 December 2008 were read by Michael Klein. Bob Wish made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by John Fox and carried.

No Treasurers Report was presented. Treasurer Vern Quast was excused.

**Old Business**

Jim Kelly reported on the progress of securing a transportation van. He talked to Pastor Randy Green at Good News UMC. They have two vans. One is a 4 wheel, 12 passenger van. The other is a 6 wheel, 25 passenger van. Their gas cost is a minimum of \$250.00 per month. The van would be use by the youth groups, Scouts, Men's Club etc. A Transportation Minister must be appointed to be in charge of scheduling use of the van, maintenance and repairs, approving and training of drivers etc. The cost to purchase a used refurbished 16-18 passenger diesel van with a lift from a company in Atlanta, Georgia is \$20,000 to \$33,000. It will cost \$1,500 to \$1,800 to repaint a small passenger van. Jim Kelly will investigate the issue of insuring a 15 passenger van and also look at the options of leasing. Father Tom suggested a 8 passenger van may be a more affordable option.

No other old business was discussed.

**New Business**

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Jim Kelly presented a plan to install sun shades in the MSSR for sun control. The shades are a black fabric screen installed on the inside of the window to limit the heat gain in the room from the sun. Jim has measured the windows and the cost of buying these screens for all of the windows in the MSSR from Home Depot is \$5,500, not installed. The cost of purchasing them from the same manufacture on line is \$2,080, not installed. No further discussion at this time.

Jim Kelly is waiting on warmer weather to investigate how to install electrical conduit to the islands in the parking lot on the East side of the building at the main church entrance.

Ed Carone said Bayou Bill Hodge gave the Men's Club two use deep fryers that we are currently using for fish dinners. Joe Colello suggested presenting Bill with a plaque expressing our appreciation of his service and support of the Men's Club dinners. Bob wish made a motion to present a plaque to Bill Hodge as outlined by Joe, seconded by John Fox and carried.

Ed Carone said the small burners are no longer needed by the Men's Club for the fish dinners. Joe Colello made a motion to sell two of the three smaller burners, seconded Jim Kelly and carried.

No other new business was presented.

Bob Wish made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Dick Ryan and carried. Father Tom closed the meeting with a prayer.

End

Michael Klein, Secretary  
St. Rita Men's Club