

St. John of the Cross Men's Club  
Minutes for October 24, 2013

A regularly scheduled meeting of the St. John of the Cross Parish Men's Club Board was held on October 24, 2013 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. In attendance were Larry Ansilio, Michael Baron, Barrett Long, Randy Ferrari, Bill Bright, Steve Graef, Dan Montgomery and John Cisek

The meeting opened at 7:35pm with a prayer.

Old Business

- Approved the September meeting minutes
- The Thursday Bears game and Pizza Night went very well – at peak about 40 men were enjoying food, fun and fellowship
- Big thanks to Carl Adduci for ordering the pizza ahead of time

Committee Reports

President – Welcomed Dan Montgomery to the Board to fill the vacant Events Chair position. Also stated he sent Men's Club info (mission/vision, calendar, etc) to MJ Martin who is compiling a booklet of SJC organizations for new parishioners

Finance – No formal report; Larry to look into donation to Gardening Angels that per Randy, had not yet made its way to the Gardening Angels account

Membership –

- Randy committed to work on the roster of members and add data on who has paid by year
- We had some discussion about ways to increase membership and collect additional dues
- Barrett to pursue getting a Men's Club dues envelope with parishioner's offertory envelopes
- Agreed to discuss at the Nov meeting who our 'target market' is and how best to reach them

Spiritual – no speaker locked in for Sat Nov 9 – decided to use the Purgatory DVD that Mike purchased and then survey attendees to get feedback on use of DVDs vs live speakers; Steve and Mike to collaborate on messaging and get email blast out along with bulletin blurb for Nov 4/5 weekend

Parish Liaison – Bill shared several stories of parish outreach and volunteered to speak at the Dec 12 Men's Club event about the various ways SJC is reaching out and helping outside of our parish

Events –

- Dec 12 Speaker/event – to be held at Casa de Montecristo smoking lounge on 55<sup>th</sup> St. in Countryside
  - Bill will make arrangements with the owner who will speak about cigars and supply cigars for those that show up – and perhaps food too
- Jan 25 Trivia Night – Same crew on board to develop questions and host the event; suggested we get sponsors sooner so they can get proper credit
  - Decided to take 5-10 minutes up front to talk about the Men's Club other activities and give proper credit to sponsors (prize donators) – have PPT show running prior to start
  - Bill to once again arrange for cleanup help within the rules/procedures of the parish

New business:

- Bill requested and the board approved purchase of a broiler to be stored in the PC kitchen, not to exceed \$100
- Steve committed to developing a draft brochure that can be used with new parishioners and for other marketing purposes

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Nov 21 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:46pm.