

St. John of the Cross Men's Club
Minutes for Nov 20, 2014

A regularly scheduled meeting of the St. John of the Cross Parish Men's Club Board was held on Nov 20, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. In attendance were Larry Ansilio, Barrett Long, John Cisek, Randy Ferrari, and Bill Bright. Regrets from Dan Montgomery, Steve Graef and Michael Baron.

The meeting opened at 7:38pm with a prayer. Previous meeting minutes were approved.

Old Business

- The speaker event on Nov 1 with Dan Cheely was well attended, despite a late start on communication; ~25 men attended an interesting talk on the history of Catholicism in Chicago
 - Thanks to Randy and LJ Shaw for funding the bagels and coffee

Committee Reports

President

- We received a request from MJ to develop a one page ad for the Xmas bulletin; the intent is for all major SJC groups to have a page to showcase missions and accomplishments
 - Barrett to work with Steve to see if we can develop something by the Dec 1 deadline

Finance

- No formal report this month -- Larry will deposit recently received checks and do a recon with Marguerite and work on getting reimbursement for Dan M for expenses from the Smoker event

Membership

- One member paid dues at the Nov 1 event
- Reminder: emails can now be sent via the parish MailChimp system; contact is MaryBeth Drafz

Spiritual

- The next spiritual event is scheduled for Feb 14 -- Mike is working on nailing down a speaker
- Mike presented an opportunity for a mission or one day retreat, likely in the spring time; the Men's Club Board is supportive and suggested we try to coordinate resources to use the April 11 date already on the Men's Club calendar
- The next meeting of the SAM Revival group is Wed Dec 10 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center

Parish Liaison

- Bill reported a new secretary was hired to replace Shirley who retired
- SJC is partially sponsoring 9 refugees -- a mom and 8 children
 - As always, when needs arise Bill and Spirit work together to find donations to help
- Bill would like to have a group of Men's Club volunteers to call on when some heavy lifting is needed (e.g., moving couches); he will send requests for help to the mailing list as needed

Events

- The next event is the Bears game on 12/4
 - Barrett will ensure the game will be available on Parish Center basement TV -- we will need a simulcast on a basic channel, as NFL Network is not available in the PC
 - Barrett will work with Dan M and Carl (pizzas) on food and drink
- The 4th Annual Trivia Contest is scheduled for Saturday January 24

New Business

- None noted

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:30pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 8:28pm.