

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES -Council 10558**

November 18, 2014

Officers present: Grand Knight Martin, Acting Treasurer Balch, Recorder Shelton, Chaplin Fr. Hartshorn, Financial Secretary Annexstad, and Advocate Pierick.

Guests: District Deputy Dick Brdicko, and District Warden Denny Hagedorn.

The meeting was preceded by recitation of the Rosary and a soup and sandwich supper. Dowling CHS sophomore and St. Augustin parishioner Andrew Cernicky presented his plans to participate in St. George's Trek at Philmont Scout Ranch next July. He requested our help in funding his trip. He will be the first member of our Diocese to apply for this activity. He will be making similar presentations to several other parishes.

The meeting opened at 7:15 PM with prayer, including prayer for our seminarians, led by Fr. Hartshorn, and the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **REPORTS**

District Deputy Brdicko stressed the importance of having a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Exemplification before the end of the year in order to stay on track for our membership goals. Dick also reported that central Iowa Knights are having a dinner-dance this weekend, Nov. 22, in Altoona for the benefit of InnerVisions HealthCare in West Des Moines.

District Warden Hagedorn reminded us the deadline to submit CPID money is December 31. He also talked about the application for the 2014-15 Columbian Award.

Chaplin Fr. Hartshorn encouraged Council 10558 to "keep up the good work". He also reported the restoration of the stained glass windows in the church is nearing completion. The balance of the project has been paid for with money received from the Sharing God's Gifts campaign.

Acting Treasurer Balch reported our current account balance of \$16,243.

Financial Secretary Annexstad reported Colin Reimersma's transfer of membership came through, and 2 members have become insured members. We currently have 84 Associate Members, 25 Insured Members, and 2 Inactive Members, for a total membership of 111. We are still waiting for Nick Smith's membership to come through, and George Mosley's membership to transfer out.

FS Annexstad reported we have a fairly large balance in Restricted Funds, which is money we can allocate for charitable purposes. The General Fund has a negative balance; this is money from dues and special event revenue which can be used for any purpose.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 meeting as submitted by Recorder Dane Shelton and distributed by email. The motion passed.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Thanks to Brother Rob Den Hartog and a crew of volunteers who collected \$767 for CPID at Dahls on Saturday, Nov. 15.

We received thank-you notes from the CRHP team for the meals served at the CRHP Retreats, and from Parish Council for providing free pancake breakfasts to the newcomers at the reception held last Sunday.

There were 2 winners from St. Augustin in the Football Frenzy for the second week of the sweepstakes. Council 10558 was second in the State of Iowa for the number of sweepstakes tickets placed.

The initial order for 14 cases of coats (Coats for Kids) has arrived and are available for distribution to needy children. Our Coats for Kids coordinator will notify members when this will happen, so that interested members may attend. We currently have ordered three more cases, and funds may become available for another supplemental order for coats by the end of the year.

Brother Don Hauser reported that Knights Today newsletter features a Knight of the Month in each issue. Our council could honor a Knight of the Month and submit it to the editor of Knights Today.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We will plan to have a First Degree Exemplification before the end of the year. We should be able to pick up about 10 new members.

We are discussing having an Officer's Retreat in late December or early January.

The idea of having an Annual Meeting is being discussed. This would be for all members, and possibly spouses/families, to present the various activities the council sponsors, and to encourage more participation from members.

For our Sunday morning activities (donuts, pancakes, and cinnamon rolls), we need a person to be in charge of each activity, plus an overall coordinator to make up the schedule of volunteers for each quarter of the year. GK Martin will be making some phone calls in the coming weeks to request your help.

Motion by FS Annexstad to contribute \$200 from the Council for Andrew Cernicky's request for funds for his trip to Philmont. Second by Bettis.

Amendment by Den Hartog to also ask for members for their individual support for this project, at our next meeting. Second by Bettis.

The initial motion as amended passed.

At the last Officer's Meeting Chancellor Navarro presented information about a program in Johnston called the Dance Vision All Star Program, a unique program that introduces youth of all abilities to the joy of dance. The goal of the program is to provide educational support to local youth with physical and intellectual disabilities with a desire to learn the art of dance. This could be a program worthy of our financial support with CPID funds. Brother Navarro is obtaining information about the tax status of the program organization. We will also need to approach the State Treasurer about this.

At the last meeting we approved \$300 to help St. Augustin pay for the new Wi-Fi system which has been installed in the Hall and basement. There was an amendment approved to re-visit this issue at this meeting for consideration of additional funding.

It was moved and seconded to contribute an additional \$500 to the Wi-Fi project. The motion passed.

The Trustees met last Saturday to discuss the budget for the coming year. Due to the shortfall of our General Fund, it was suggested we consider raising our dues from \$30 to \$35 per year.

Motion by Advocate Pierick to raise dues \$5.00 per year. Seconded by Bettis. The motion passed.

Following a prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Faithfully submitted,

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