

# Council Meeting minutes for January 2nd, 2024 – Madonna room at St. Henry

# Call to order @ 7:00 pm by Grand Knight Vince Frederick

# Roll Call

* Grand Knight – Vince Frederick -- p
* Deputy Grand Knight – Vacant position
* Financial secretary – LeRoy Jero -- p
* Treasurer – Stephen Larson - a
* Recorder/Trustee – Steve Seberger -- p
* Trustee – Greg Jacobs -- p
* Lecturer – Deacon Roger Polt – p
* District Deputy – Eldon Schneider – a
* Chaplain – Fr. Kyle Tietz – a
* Advocate – George Baitinger -- p
* Other attendees: Tom Kirner, Dave Staron, Fritz Polt

# Minutes

* Minutes from the December 5th meeting and 2 virtual discussion/actions in December, were emailed to all attendees for review. No comments or corrections were received. Minutes stand approved.
* In the future, approved minutes will be posted on the Council website for access by anyone

# GK report

**Lecturer**

* Starting with this meeting, Vince asks Roger to present the lecturer portion of the meeting earlier in the agenda so it is not forgotten
* Roger asked us to consider the meaning of the Epiphany, which was the giving of gifts by non-Jews to a Jewish king. We should think about what gifts we are giving to our king – Jesus

**Accomplishments:**

* Council 966 members should be proud of the projects we accomplished in ’23. We stack up well against the activity level in other councils
* Playground mulch replacement, tree removal, stump removal, yard cleanup, prep for snow removal; these were among the projects we did for school, church, and community
* All members should be on the lookout for ways we can be of service

**Tootsie Roll:**

* The 4 checks to the local charities have been written, but the status of presenting them is not known. Vince will follow up with Eldon

**Website design/maintenance:**

* Tom Kirner has been able to access the site, and will take on this role.
* Putting up the recent meeting minutes will be an initial task.
* Finding information about signing up for Fish Dinners is also an upcoming need to address

**Christmas Party**

* The Christmas part went over well for all who attended, and the extra food was very much appreciated by the attendees of the Spanish mass that evening who were invited to share it.
* It never was intended as a fundraiser, but rather as a fellowship event to acknowledge our achievements and show our appreciation for the members
* The net cost of the event was $2172.21
* A greater effort to advertise the event is recommended for next time

**Fish Dinners:**

* Charles Kuhlman has volunteered to help Greg with the cooking in the school kitchen
* Planning to do just one type of fish again to keep the cost down
* Planning NOT to offer drive-up service again this year, dinners can be taken out after purchase inside
* Will use the supplier Shelly is accustomed to
* Vince will reassess the menu and item costs to reassess the dinner price

**Treasurer’s Election:**

* Fritz motioned that nominations for Treasurer cease (after Stephen’s self-nomination); 2nd by Dave; no discussion; carried
* Fritz motioned the election of Stephen as Treasurer; 2nd by Tom; no discussion; carried
* A new checking account at Pinnacle Bank is now open, but checks have not yet been received.
* When the new checks are in, Steve will transfer the documents and responsibility to Stephen

**Treasurer’s Report:**

* The Wells Fargo accounts will be closed by Steve S. after all outstanding checks have cleared and checks can be written on the new account
* Thank you cards for the golf donations >= $250 have been sent

Balances: 1/2/2024

Chk register $ 4,043.66

Sav register $ 2,456.77

Chk register (Pinnacle Bank) $ 500.00

Earmarks:

4th Degree Account $ (1,726.94)

Golf proceeds TB donated $ (155.00)

Net Funds Available $ 5,118.49

**New business:**

* Discussion of a request received at the parish for information about low-cost burial options. Council may host a presentation regarding such for parish benefit
* Adam Upah has asked to transfer into our council; there were no objections so the transfer will proceed
* Steve Seberger was presented with an Honorary Life Member card in recognition of turning 70 this year and having 51 continuous years of service

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM**

**Next meeting, February 6th (Madonna room)**