



Council 966

Knights of Columbus

PO Box 1672, Marshalltown, IA 50158

Council Meeting minutes for August 6th, 2024 – Madonna room at St. Henry

Note: meetings will be held in the Madonna room at the St. Henry Faith Formation building unless otherwise specified

Call to order @ 7:00 pm by Grand Knight Vince Frederick (after completion of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy).

We opened with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Minutes

- Draft of Minutes from the July meeting was e-mailed to all attendees of recent meetings for review. No comments or corrections were received. None present requested a reading of the minutes. Minutes approved by declaration.

Elections:

- LeRoy Jero motioned to nominate Tom Kirner for the recorder position to relieve Steve Seberger from holding two positions.
- Steve Seberger seconded the motion, although he was willing to continue in both positions.
- No other candidates were offered. Motion passed, so Tom commenced recording.
- Vince agreed to continue as Grand Knight.

District Deputy's Report:

- The District Meeting in Marshalltown was held July 18.
- Various models of membership participation were discussed.
 - We could build a Hispanic Round Table group that would run their own service projects and send a representative to the regular monthly meeting to report on their efforts. (Perhaps tap into the Sunday Night worship group at St. Mary's.) - No red tape, officer structure, etc. Join on-line with your phone.

- We could move the business meeting to an e-mail or other electronic venue, and use the regular meeting for fellowship, fraternity, and service events. (In prior years, we often dedicated a portion of monthly meeting to a service project or meal.
- On-line exemplification is available now.
- If we achieve 50% of our new membership goal by Oct 1, we receive a dollar discount per member on council dues.
- Educate the populace on the history and current structure of K of C. Removal of the Secret elements of the organization.
- Four categories of Fraternal Service: the insurance program improving, family financial planning, aid to disaster areas in the world.
- Most of the informational packets that Chris Polt assembled for recruitment purposes have been distributed.
- Cor (Latin for “Heart”) program is a new prayer initiative. It involves Saturday rosary, “Men of Virtue”, family leadership. etc. There was an article about it in the July/August issue of Columbia.

Financial Report:

- July Account Balance was \$51,982.56
- \$20,000 was moved from the investment fund to checking *twice* instead of once, by some misunderstanding of our direction to the national organization. Steve Seberger will review how this occurred and how to remedy the situation.
- The \$3000 donation to the school from the Fish Dinners has been presented,
- New balance of \$45,721.50.

Old business:

- Second reading of proposal to donate \$5000 to the State Disaster Relief Fund. Motioned by Steve Seberger, seconded by Brandon Kunkel. Motion carried.
- Spring Tootsie Roll campaign will not be reported separately to the state organization, but combined with the Fall Tootsie Roll Drive Report.
- MIW has a new CEO, who expressed gratitude for our donation from the Spring Tootsie Roll Drive.
- Project for installing a back sidewalk for local disabled woman is in planning and procurement stage. The sidewalk will allow People Rides to pick her up from the alley behind her house.

New business:

- Approved posting minutes on K of C Bulletin Board in church narthex to provide additional awareness of our activities.
- Recruitment keys into: new community residents, new parish membership, etc.
 - Personal connection is the key.
- Service Program Personnel Report (for Star Council status?), requires the following positions be filled:
 - Program Director

- Family Director
- Community Director
- Membership Director
- Retention Director

Sheet was passed around for volunteers.

- School cleaning volunteers needed Saturday morning (Aug 10).
- Requested volunteers to deliver school's lower-level bathroom partitions to Steve Slifer for painting on Wednesday (Aug 7) at 9 AM.
- Recommended participation in State Fair parade with Iowa Right to Life.

Lecturer

- Roger's reflection for the evening was a reminder to discuss our needs with the Blessed Mother, Queen of Heaven and our sister. The feast of her Assumption is celebrated August 15th.

Meeting Adjourned with prayer ~ **8:00 PM**
Next meeting, Sep 3rd, (Madonna room)