August 14th, 2023

To: Knights of Columbus Council 8336

From: Bob Madison

Re: **Combined July 26th Officers/General Meeting**

Officer Attendees: Tom Andrews Matt Fetal, Bob Madison, Amir Ghobrial, Phill Ott, John Haraksin, Ted Kulpinski, Peter Fruecheit, Alvin Escara, Martin Segura, Jack Carlino, Bill Wosley, Ben Gentemann and Fr. Mike Rizzo

**OFFICER’S MEETING**

**Budget**

Tom Andrews presents the budget, which Jack Carlino emailed the Knights in June. It is understood that a budget is simply a roadmap, and that this working budget is subject to change.

Tom and Matt also argue that a recurring revenue stream, one that allows us to meet operating expenses while giving to SSJ and our select charities, is the goal for the upcoming year. Matt has agreed to be the point person on events. One other new initiative is a proposed credit card.

Officers approve the budget to submit to the General Meeting.

**New Bank Account**

Incoming Treasurer outlines the benefits of moving bank accounts from Chase to Wells Fargo. It will provide him with better control and greater transparency. Officers agree that the Treasurer can switch banks to best realize the Council’s mission.

**Combine Meetings**

Officers discuss the utility of combining the Officers and General Meetings to just one night. There is a great deal of discussion following the proposal. While some officers believe that two meetings provide vital planning time, others believe that committees for specific projects can meet in an unlimited fashion and one night opens up more time and ensures retention. It will go to a vote at the General Meeting.

**GENERAL MEETING**

Fr. Mike Rizzo opened the meeting with a prayer.

Chancellor John Haraksin spoke to us about the many components that make up the Body of Christ. Knights may be small in number, but each individual Knight is part of the Body of Christ, and the overall health of the body is dependent on each individual part. Each of us helps hold it all together; no Knight is expendable because we are all essential.

**Budget**

The budget presentation made during the Officer’s Meeting is reviewed; everyone at the prior meeting is present now, so discussion followed. Ted Kulpinski notified the State Advocate about the upcoming vote, who emailed the Officers that they may be in violation of bylaws. Kulpinski raised the point of order before the vote. Recorder Bob Madison stated he recalled that Grand Knights have been given exceptional leeway to run their Councils efficiently, especially since the COVID crisis, although this recollection was not researched at the meeting.

In light of the disruption caused by the illness and unexpected 4 month absence of our Treasurer and the impact his illness had on the timing of the budgeting process, the council, after considering the remarks of the State Advocate, decided it was in the best interest of the council to go ahead with the vote on the budget at this time to ensure continuity of operations.

The vote was taken. The budget passed, with 21 in favor and two against.

**New Bank Account**

The new bank account discussion is reviewed. Amir goes over the reasons for changing from Chase to Wells Fargo. He also details how we will get a credit card, with Amir, Matt and Tom as signatories.

The motion for a new bank account is passed. The old account will not be closed until all outstanding business concerned with account is resolved.

NB – there is currently $10,768.56 in the account; Supreme states that $10,000 is a healthy amount.

**Combine Meetings**

The motion to combine meetings to one is made and passed. The meeting(s) will take place on the 4th Wednesday of each month; Officer’s Meeting will start at 6:00 and General at 7:00. All Knights are welcome for the entirety of both meetings.

NB – we collected $53 in donations for meals at future Knights meetings.

**Donuts**

The following Knights volunteer to assist with donuts on August 20th: Ron, John Haraksin, Alvin, PJ, Charlies, Bob Blodgett, Ted, Peter and Jack. Ted, Matt and Doug will do the teardown.

**Italian Catholic Association Event**

Fr. Mike Rizzo alerts us to a volunteer opportunity to help with the Italian Catholic Association Event on August 31st. We are also welcome to purchase tickets ($45) for the event. Needs at least 75-100 volunteers.

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