

Combined Meeting Minutes - 2010

Meeting Minutes – January 18, 2010

At 6:33 P.M. the meeting was called to order followed by opening prayers and the Pledge of Allegiance by CR Don Danneker.

Officers present: Don Danneker CR, Denny Dugan VCR, Mike Shirek CT, Paul Scarpari RS, Trustees: Joe Stevens and Wayne Gilbertson, General Agent Larry Poppler. Also present State Court Trustee Bob Schmoekel and guest Ron Anderson.

Swearing in of officers

was conducted by Bob Schmoekel (postponed from October meeting.)

Reading of Minutes from 19 October 2009 by Paul Scarpari RS.

Motion 1-2010

made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Mike Shirek, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

: Given by Mike Shirek CT: Checking account balance \$1,159.57, total deposits \$804.97, total withdrawals (checks written) \$1,688.95, Matching Funds savings account balance \$694.44, Eaton Vance Money Market Fund \$7,128.97, Franklin Templeton Money Market Fund \$8,350.97. Total assets from accounts

\$17,333.95

Motion 2-2010

made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Denny Dugan, to accept the treasurer's report – motion passed.

Motion 3-2010

made to pay all bills as read by Larry Poppler, seconded by Paul Scarpari – motion passed.

Reviewed budget proposal

for 2010 - \$3,195.00 allocated for expenditures.

Motion 4-2010

made to accept 2010 budget proposal by Joe Stevens, seconded by Denny Dugan – motion passed.

Motion 5-2010

made, after discussion, to do a Matching Funds event at St. Michael's Parish and School, with tentative date of 2 May 2010, by Mike Shirek, seconded by Joe Stevens – motion passed.

Motion 6-2010

made by Mike Shirek, seconded by Wayne Gilbertson, to discuss a Join Hands Day (May 1st) project with St. Michael's School principal and parish pastor – motion passed.

Motion 7-2010

made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Paul Scarpari, to subsidize the cost of fish dinner to court members attending the St. Matthew Fish Fry - \$5.00. The date for this event will be publicized on the court Web site in February. Motion passed.

Motion 8-2010

made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Denny Dugan, to have the court purchase long-sleeve COF shirts for court officers at a cost of \$125 – motion passed.

Agent Report

: Agent Larry Poppler reported some business highlights for the year. In addition, SCT Bob Schmoekel talked about State Court activities, including the 2010 golf tournament this August.

Motion 9-2010

made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Larry Poppler, to adjourn – motion passed and

Fraternally yours,
Paul Scarpari RS

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Meeting Minutes---April 19, 2010

At 6:43 the meeting was called to order followed by opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Ranger Don Danneker

Officers Present: Don Danneker CR, Denny Dugan VCR, Mike Shirek CT, Paul Scarpari RS

Trustees: Joe Stevens

Reading of Minutes of the January 18, 2010 by Paul Scarpari RS

Motion 10-2010---made by Joe Stevens and seconded by Denny Dugan to accept minutes of previous meeting ---motion passed

Treasurer's Report---Given by Mike Shirek: \$836.24 in checking, receipts---\$820.55, expenditures---\$764.14.

Motion 11-2010 made by Joe Stevens and seconded by Denny Dugan to accept treasurer's report---motion passed.

Motion 12-2010 ---made to pay all bills: \$100 for St Michael's for Join Hands Day expenses, \$20 for St Matthew's Fish Fry to provide COF Napkins, \$100 to cover Matching Funds breakfast expenses, and pay officers meeting stipends. Joe Stevens made motion to accept and pay all bills, motion seconded by Denny Dugan and passed.

Mike Shirek gave a report regarding the Join Hands Day project scheduled for April 24th and provided an agenda for the event.

Motion 13--2010---To purchase two tickets totaling \$100 for the Wakota Life Dinner on a contingency that 2 members buy 2 tickets at \$50 each. Motion made by Joe Stevens and seconded by Denny Dugan---motion passed.

Motion 14--2010---made by Paul Scarpari to adjourn and seconded by Denny Dugan---motion passed
Meeting ended at 7:27

Fraternally yours,
Paul Scarpari RS

Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2010

At 6:36 the meeting was called to order by Chief Ranger Don Danneker followed by an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Don Danneker CR, Denny Dugan VCR, Mike Shirek CT, Paul Scarpari RS, Joe Stevens Trustee, and Larry Poppler Agent.

Reading of Minutes from April 19th meeting by Paul Scarpari RS.

Motion 15-2010 made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Denny Dugan, to accept the Minutes – motion passed

Treasure's Report: given by Mike Shirek – total in checking \$1,280.39, receipts \$874.02, expenditures \$362.15.

Motion 16-2010 made by Paul Scarpari, seconded by Larry Poppler, to accept the Treasurer's report – motion passed.

Website Report: given by Mike Shirek – Mike gave an overview of the previous seven months of visits to our site. The average number of visits/month is approximately 16. This is lower than we would like it to be. Of concern is whether members are getting court news and event information in a timely manner. He will continue to monitor the level of usage over the next several months. In the meantime, a suggestion was made to contact the High Court requesting that they print court Website information in the Catholic Forester magazine. It is hoped that by doing this COF members will become aware of, and use, these valuable information resources. Mike and Larry will get together in the coming days to plan an approach.

Motion 17-2010 made by Mike Shirek, seconded by Denny Dugan, to pay the bills – motion passed.

Motion 18-2010 made by Mike Shirek, seconded by Denny Dugan, to provide \$100 to cover part of xpenses for the 4 court members participating in the state golf tournament in August – motion passed.

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Motion 19-2010 made by Don Danneker, seconded by Paul Scarpari, to purchase \$100 of raffle tickets to support the Minnesota State Court Matching Funds event (drawing set for October 9, 2010) – motion passed.

Motion 20-2010 made by Don Danneker, seconded by Joe Stevens, to subsidize the per ticket price for the upcoming St. Croix boat ride on August 19th by \$8. The St. Paul Joint Committee is subsidizing the full ticket price (\$21) thus bringing the amount down to \$16. This means that Court 367 members pay only \$8. It was also noted that only 40 tickets were obtained from the St. Paul Joint Committee. Motion passed.

Motion 21-2010 made (after discussion) by Paul Scarpari, seconded by Larry Poppler, to allocate \$300 to cover expenses for the upcoming Oktoberfest dinner at St. Bernard's Parish. Motion passed. The date for this year's event is October 21.

Motion 22-2010 made (after discussion) by Mike Shirek, seconded by Larry Poppler, to allocate funds for three (3) \$300 scholarships for youth members attending K-12 Catholic School (winners will be determined by random drawing at the October court meeting) – motion passed.

Agent Report: Agent Larry Poppler covered us on the amount of money given by the COF High Court for fraternal benefits. It was also decided to do a Matching Funds event to benefit St. Matthew Parish/School in 2011.

Motion 23-2010 made to adjourn by Don Danneker, seconded by Joe Stevens – motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:40 with closing prayer.

Fraternally yours, Paul Scarpari RS

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2010

At 6:33 the meeting was called to order by Chief Ranger Don Danneker followed by the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present: Don Danneker CR, Denny Dugan VCR, Mike Shirek CT, Paul Scarpari RS, Joe Stevens Trustee, and agent Larry Poppler.

Reading of the minutes from the July 19th 2010 meeting by Paul Scarpari, RS.

Motion – 24-2010 made by Don Danneker to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Scarpari. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report given by Mike Shirek, CT. Balance in checking acct: \$1,889,96. Receipts: \$1,080.26. Expenses: \$659.84.

Website report given by Mike Shirek, Webmaster. To summarize, the Website is not being utilized at a very high level. This determination is based on a 6-month analysis of user-visit data provided by HostGator, our Web hosting company. Consequently, the officers are concerned that court-related information is not getting into the hands of members in a timely fashion. The matter was discussed and an agreement reached to contact the High Court with a request to publicize Web site information in its quarterly magazine, *Catholic Forester*, in hopes that members will be encouraged to make use of this resource.

Motion-25-2010 made by Joe Stevens to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Denny Dugan. Motion passed.

Motion-26-2010 made by Mike Shirek to pay the bills, seconded by Larry Poppler.

Chief Ranger Don remarked on this year's Oktoberfest and dinner: we had 54 people in attendance and many who complimented us on the fine food and overall good time.

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Our court also held its drawing for three \$300 scholarships. There were 18 applicants from grades K-12 in Catholic Schools. After a brief discussion over whether to allow one winner per household, a motion was made to allow only one winner per household.

Motion-27-2010 made by Don Danneker, seconded by Joe Stevens to allow one winner per household. Motion passed.

Here are the lucky winners:

- C-M. Gombold
- L. Willems
- A. Thurston
- Alternate winner: A. Del Vecchio

Chief Ranger Don reported on meeting with the Director of Education at St. Matthew School to talk about the 2011 Matching Funds program. The school has agreed to partake in next year's program. Planning will begin at our January meeting.

Nomination/election of officers for 2011 was done by white ballot. All existing officers and trustees agreed to take their same positions for 2011 (no other nominations were brought to the floor).

Motion-28-2010 made by Joe Stevens, seconded by Paul Scarpari to conduct a white ballot for the nomination of officers and trustees. Motion passed.

Member input: John Del Vecchio suggested obtaining email addresses from members as a way to ensure they receive court information that's up-to-date. More discussion is planned for next year.

Also discussed was the possibility of holding a Coffee For A Cause (C4AC) event as a way to bring awareness of COF to the community. No definite event has been scheduled. We will post information on our Web site if an event is scheduled before the end of the year.

Motion-29-2010 made by Denny Dugan, seconded by Joe Stevens to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 7:55 with closing prayers.

Fraternally yours,

Paul Scarpari, Recording Secretary