

St. Matthew Court 367

Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2009

At 6:32 PM the meeting was called to order followed by opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Chief Ranger Don Danneker.

Roll call of officers: Present, Don Danneker CR, Denny Dugan VCR, Mike Shirek CT, and Larry Poppler agent.

Reading of minutes from last meeting, July 2009 – read by Larry Poppler with correction that October meeting date is the 19th. Also requested we show the quarterly expenses from treasurer's report in the minutes.

Motion 24-2009 was made by CR Don to accept the minutes, seconded by CT Mike – motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: CT Mike Shirek gave the checking account balance as of Oct 19 - \$1,935.53. Total expenses as of the same date are \$450.

Motion 25-2009 was made by Larry Poppler to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by VCR Denny – motion passed.

Paying Bills: Don Danneker presented \$136.81 expenses related to Oktoberfest, mailing supplies for scholarship application mail out, and court poster display. Mike presented \$7.74 expenses for copying reports and color copies for poster display. In addition, \$75 in stipends (to officers in attendance) and a \$25 Webmaster allowance was presented for payment.

Motions 26-2009 was made by Larry Poppler to pay the bills listed above, seconded by Mike Shirek. The motion was passed.

Website Report made by Webmaster Mike Shirek: Mike provided a 10-month summary of the number of visits to the court Website. He pointed out that the statistics should be viewed as estimates of traffic and not as absolute numbers. Based on this, there is consistent visitor traffic to our site (March showing the peak number of visits since that was the month we announced the site to our members).

Court sponsored scholarship awards for those attending Catholic grade and high school were discussed. It was decided to continue with four \$200 scholarships since funds are available.

Motion 27-2009 was made by VCR Denny Dugan to provide scholarships for 2009, seconded by CT Mike Shirek – motion passed. The following youth members were awarded \$200 each by random drawing: B. Osborne, A. Cotton, M. Metry, and A. Carlson – alternate is T. Gruhke.

Coffee for a Cause (C4aC): Don Danneker was approached by new member John Del Vecchio to sponsor a donut Sunday after the Masses. Court 367 would provide

donuts and the people to monitor the serving tables. C4aC would provide coffee, juice and all the accompaniments. The court would thus get an opportunity for exposure to nonmembers.

Motion 28-2009 was made by Denny Dugan to approve C4aC on 12/20/09, seconded by Larry Poppler – motion passed.

Nomination of court officers for 2010 was done by white ballot for the same officers and trustees (current officers agreed to another term; there were no other nominations). A State Court trustee will conduct official swearing in at our January meeting.

Motion 29-2009 was made by Denny Dugan to do white ballot to nominate current officers as discussed, seconded by Mike Shirek – motion passed.

Review of Oktoberfest at St. Bernard's: Next year's expenses should be less due to reuse of utensils and material. All agreed our court's first attempt at hosting this popular event was a big success.

Agent Report: Larry Poppler read the announcement in St. Matthew's Sunday bulletin regarding the Court Matching Funds event and that 2 court members were awarded Tuition Assistance Awards from the High Court. Larry also received an agent award for 2008 that needs to be given to a charity. In the past such money was given to support Catholic Schools.

Motion 30-2009 was made by Denny Dugan and seconded by Larry Poppler to adjourn the meeting with closing prayers – motion passed.

Next meeting of Court 367 is scheduled for January 18, 2010.