

St Bernadette Knight's of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 6/13/2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:26 pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers:

GK Craig Portier P DGK James Cherry E Chap Andre Melancon P FS Maurice Evans P
Tres Gerard Vedros P Adv James Barlow E War Richard Daigle P OG Marvin Redmond E
IG Edward Pinell P 1YT Andrew Vedros E 2YT Woody Louviere E 3YT Mark Duplantis P
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis E

Also present Special Guest Fr James Rome

A motion was made by Andy Dufrene to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published and seconded by Ralph Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously.

The Financial Secretary gave a report stating all bills had been turned over to the Treasurer for payment. He also reported the monies that came in were reported to be \$50 from dues. Disbursements totaled \$1,406.55. A motion to accept the FS report as presented was made by Gerald Michel and seconded by Buddy Pinell. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer gave a report stating the beginning balance of the checking account was \$15,033.89, and an ending balance of \$14,100.79. Of that amount \$746 is dedicated to YEP and 368.92 is dedicated to Brother Duty Charity fund. The building fund has an amount of \$12,000 in the Checking Account and a CD with SLB of \$300,000. The Growth fund had an ending balance was \$35,091.18. The ending balance of the scholarship fund was \$27,631.05. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Ralph Mitchell and seconded by Buddy Pinell. The motion passed unanimously.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. The first order of unfinished business was the nomination and election of officers. Nominations were opened and then closed. Maurice Evens as Financial Secretary cast one vote by acclamation for all officers that ran unopposed.

Craig then proceeded to New Business. There was a request for the Knights to donate some cash to help defer the cost of some Stubenville youth that came short of raising the required

amount to attend the conference. A motion was made to fund the \$350 request by Woddy Louviere and seconded by Mark Bascle. The motion carried unanimously. The Acts retreat was talked about. Craig informed the Council that there would be a parochial Diocese meeting on August 4th, and we had been asked to cook and pay for lunch for 500 people. Mark Bascle as District Deputy agreed to put out a request for assistance for help and financial support from all the Councils in the Diocese. The Knights help was also asked for in setting up the going away party for Fr James Rome. There was no report on Trivia Night as Ben Cherry was not present at the meeting but was expected to give a report at the July meeting for the August 13th event. Ralph Mitchell also talked about the Men's Conference saying it had been moved back to November 18th 2023 and there would probably be a charge of \$20 per person to attend. There being no further new business Craig moved on to the Grand Knight's report.

Craig presented the Grand Knights report stating he wanted to start having an officers meeting before the monthly meetings to handle financial business and planning before each meeting to help cut the time of the monthly meetings. Ralph Mitchell agreed to take on the chairmanship of the building planning committee. Andy Dufrene, Mark Duplantis, George Swindell and Mark Bascle all agreed to serve on the committee. There being no further new business, new business was closed.

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. Craig announce that Sydney Robicheaux was the Knight of the Month and the Craig Foret Family was the family of the month. Gerald Michel was asked to be the lector for the upcoming year and he gladly accepted.

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:00 as no further business needed to be brought before the council.

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder/Secretary