

St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 3/5/2024

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:32 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 Ralph Mitchell P War Richard Daigle P OG Marvin Redmond P
IG Edward Pinell P 1YT Andrew Vedros P 2YT Woody Louviere E 3YT Mark Duplantis P
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis P

Also present Special Guest: Fr Andre' and Fr Stephen

A motion was made by Gerard Vedros 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 that the membership quota for the year was nine and the quota was met for the year. A motion to accept the FS report as presented was made by Mark Bascle and seconded by Andy Dufrene. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer gave a report stating that all bills and communications were paid and current. Ending balances in the various accounts were as follows: Checking Account spendable balance \$21,225.69. Scholarship fund \$1000. Misc CD \$50,000. Building CD \$300,000 and \$11,976.65 Building funds in the Checking account. Brother Duty has a balance of \$368.92 and YEP is \$396. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Mark Bascle and seconded by Andrew Vedros. The motion passed unanimously.

Grand Knights Report. Craig gave out thanks to the Knights for help and successful events. He reported food service help would be needed at Madi Gras Hall on 3/9. He talked about the plan for the booth at Relay for life on 4/6, the Easter Egg hunt on Palm Sunday and St Joseph alter and hoped the council would donate some money to the ladies for the Alter. He also mentioned that help would be needed to clean the palms on 3/18 and the whole week leading up to Easter Sunday. He also stated that there would be a Eucharistic procession from the Cathedral St Francis to the Co-Cathedral on June 6 and may stop at St Bernadette. He also

mentioned that there is a group study every Thursday in the youth center called Breaking open the Mass and invited everyone to attend.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. A motion was made by Mark Bascle and seconded by Andy Dufrene that once the funds were donated to the Church, any remaining building funds should be put into a money market to allow to build some interest but still have access to distribute the funds as needed. The motion passed unanimously. There being no further business the GK moved on to new Business.

Craig then proceeded to New Business. Craig reported that the Lenten meals were going well, thanked everyone for the help and asked that they continue to show up for the remaining meals. Mark Duplantis then gave a presentation on the App process he hoped to use for the scholarship program. A motion was made by Ralph Mithcell and seconded by Andy Dufrene to accept the scholarship application process and passed unanimously. Al Hargis made a motion at the request of the Grand Knight to write a check for \$200 to the Catholic Daughters and Ladies Auxiliary for the St Joseph Alter. The motion was seconded by Ralph Mitchell and passed unanimously.

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. Craig stated that Mark Duplantis would be Knight of the Month and Al and Gretchen Hargis were the Family of the month and thanked them for their service.

For his DD report of the month Mark talked a little bit about the 4th degree and how well the Assembly was doing. He talked about when the New Columbian year started that there were 5 uniforms in the Assembly and the total was up to 11 now for 7 new uniforms this year and that there would probably be a few more soon. He also reminded the council that the Greco Fund always has memorial cards that can be sent in and special mass is said monthly in New Haven at St Mary's Church the birthplace of the order for the deceased. The council asked for prayers for AJ and June Collins, Allen and Pearl Kramer, Deacon Doug Authement, Esel Cherry, Miss Vicky, the Fos Family, Mike Delaune and Mark Landry's mother in law.

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm as no further business needed to be brought before the council.

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder

