

St Bernadette Knight's Of Columbus #7355

Minutes of meeting 5/9/2023

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:18 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 Woddy Louviere E 3YT Mark Duplantis P
Rec Mark Bascle P Chancellor Al Hargis E

Also present Special Guest Fr Andre' Melancon and Fr James Rome

A motion was made by Woddy Loviere to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published and seconded by Gerald Mecheal. 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 96.00 from shirts. Disbursements totaled \$803.11. 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 the beginning balance of the checking account was \$15,579.91, and an ending balance of \$15,033.89. Of that amount \$387 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 \$35,040. The ending balance of the scholarship fund was \$27,671.44. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Maurice Evans and seconded by Ralph Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. The first order of unfinished business was the nominations of officers for the 2023, 2024 Columbian year. All officers were renominated with the exception of Ralph Mitchell being nominated as Advocate to replace James Barlow. We still have the Kiosk and the Alter Server Banquet that need to be discussed as well as the chairman for the building committee and plans for the building.

Under New Business, Ralph Mitchell brought up a men's retreat he would like the Knights to sponsor which could lead to the development of a St Bernadette Core Group, made of Knights and non-Knights a program being implemented by Patrick Kelly from Supreme Council. The men's retreat would be held in August probably on the same morning as the Trivia Night. A motion was made, seconded and passed to spend up to \$750 on the men's retreat Fr Andre' also mentioned there would be an Acts Retreat in July and there were only 14 spots available for St Bernadette. There being no further new business Craig moved on to the Grand Knight's report.

Craig presented the Grand Knights report stating that relay for Life had been a great success and the Knights raised about \$1,600 for the event giving out special thanks to Lynwood Liner for the Coffee donations and Mark and Tina Chauvin for the egg roll donations. He also stated that the workday went well, and we need a few more hours for cleanup around the adoration chapel as well as Fr Andre' requesting pressure washing the rectory deck and removal of a fallen tree on the side of the church. Also talked about cleaning gutters and pressure washing the sides of the church,

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. He presented Maurice Evans as the Knight of the Month. He then announced that the Gerard Vedros family were the family of the month. The council brought up the following names to continue to pray for their health to improve. Al Hargis, A J Collins, Ezel Cherry, Steve and Gerald Michel, Donna Martin, the State Deputy's wife and Donna Luke the District Master's Wife and Mark Bascle, Sydney, Janet McCoy, Joel Oregon, Allan and Purdy Kramer, and Martha Velure

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

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder/Secretary