

# **St Bernadette Knights of Columbus #7355**

## **Minutes of meeting 9/12/2023**

The meeting was called to order by Grand Knight Craig Portier @ 7:08 pm. He opened the meeting with a prayer and the pledge of Allegiance.

The roll of officers:

GK Craig Portier P      DGK James Cherry P      Chap Andre Melancon E      FS Maurice Evans P

Tres Gerard Vedros P      Adv Ralph Mitchell E      War Richard Daigle P      OG Marvin Redmond E

IG Edward Pinell E      1YT Andrew Vedros E      2YT Woody Louviere E      3YT Mark Duplantis P

Rec Mark Bascle P      Chancellor Al Hargis P

Also present Special Guest: Fr Stephen Castille

A motion was made by Al Hargis to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as published and seconded by Andy Dufrene. 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 \$4,035 mostly from the trivia night. Disbursements totaled \$308.55. A motion to accept the FS report as presented was made by A J Collins and seconded by Terry Daugherty. The motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer gave a report stating that all bills and communications were paid and current. A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Maurice Evans and seconded by Peter Fos. The motion passed unanimously.

The Grand Knight moved on to unfinished business. We discussed the Council holding a pancake breakfast after the 9am mass on October 22 and will discuss it more at the October meeting. Craig reported that the funds in the Growth Account and the Scholarship Account had not been transferred out of the current company and moved to a new institution yet but it needed to be done because we suffered another sizeable loss last month. Craig was to check with TARC to see if they would let us do the hay ride for the residents and if not we would make a donation to TARC in Gary LeCompte's name and that would be the end of the memorial hay ride. Mark Bascle reported again that we would hold our yearly Baby Bottle campaign on Jan 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of 2024. Craig talked about making a football pool for the Superbowl \$25 per square and splitting half and half, the funds raised to Hope Restored and rest to winner of the

pool. Details will be worked out later. Craig reported that Trunk or Treat will be on Oct 25. There being no further business the GK moved on to new Business.

Craig then proceeded to New Business. Mr. Cherry advised that he would be stepping down from the Chair of the Scholarship Committee and that Mark Duplantis would be taking over. Mr. Cherry would help to assure a smooth transition of the program. FN Mark Bascle addressed the Council to ask for help in raising funds for the 4<sup>th</sup> degree Fr Vandebilt Assembly as most of the members are from St Bernadette council. He asked if the council would consider giving a small percentage of fund raisers to the 4<sup>th</sup> degree or maybe even dedicating a fund raiser put on by the council and the 4<sup>th</sup> degree for the funds to go to the Assembly. His reasoning is that he doesn't want the Assembly to have to compete with against the council for fund raisers. He said he would talk with the Assembly members and create a budget and get back to the council after talking to the officers of the Council.

Craig then moved on to the Grand Knight's report. Craig announced that the diocesan picnic would be held at the Larose Civic Center Pavilion on November 11 from 9am to 3pm. St Bernadette Council didn't receive any help from anyone for the teachers' banquet held at Herbert Hall in August. Frank Chase is asking for donations for the Picnic of \$100 per Council as he has no budgeted funds. Craig then reported we would not be doing a fund raiser at Trunk or Treat of hot dogs and nachos as the office staff had worked that out and it would be given free to the patrons of the event. The State Horseshoe event would be held on September 23 in Gonzales. The State Golf tournament will be held on October 6,7, and 8<sup>th</sup>. Need to do the soccer challenge before the end of September. Ralph had reported to Craig that the building project had requested prices and concepts for different versions of the project and he was still waiting for responses on those request. Craig reported that we had spent \$3,600 on the Kitchen Equipment that Miss June had advised us about, we bought a stove a refrigerator, two gas burners and two warmers and was a deal we could not pass up for the new building. Craig reported we made \$4,090 from the trivia night and that we pledged \$1500 to the purchase of an Ultra Sound Machine for Hope restored along with the other councils in the parish.

Mark Bascle reported on the Patriotic Program and that the new program was put for the new Columbian Year. He also reminded everyone of the 4<sup>th</sup> degree meeting on the third Tuesday of every month and that there was the 4<sup>th</sup> degree exemplification to be held on October 28 in Welsh LA towards Lake Charles.

Craig then moved on to the Good of the order. Craig announced that Andy Dufrene was the Knight of the Month, and the Ben Chree Family and all of the Cherry family was the family of the month.

The Grand Knight adjourned the meeting at 9:20pm as no further business needed to be brought before the council.

Mark K. Bascle

Past Grand Knight and Recorder/Secretary