

Knights of Columbus Council 12951

November 2023 Business Meeting Notes

The meeting was called to order by GK Bruce Garwood at 7:00 p.m. GK Bruce opened the meeting with a prayer and pledge to the flag. Attendance was recorded.

The meeting notes from October 2023 are online.

GK Bruce reported that the DeWalt cordless blower that we donated for the Vocation Gala went over big and actually sold for more than we paid for it.

Next years fundraisers were discussed. On May 10th and 11th, we will be having our flower sale and on June 15 at Port-A-Pit chicken fundraiser.

It was also reported that the guys who volunteered at Boo at the Zoo had a great time, and the mayor even came and sat with us. At the trunk or treat we served over 70 hot dogs and thanks to Bill we played a Halloween movie for the kids. Thanks to all who volunteered their time for this fun night.

Discussion was held on our Christmas Party on December 9. Paul will be calling people, and the menu has yet to be decided. Please remember to bring an unwrapped gift for a baby to the party.

A letter was received from Principal Kim Gondeck on the possible donation to help by 183 shirts for Catholic School Week. It was discussed that depending on the cost we would help with the shirts.

FS Marty C. gave our financial report and talked about Gibault.

John W. reported on our activities and on the state tracker. All our activities have been reported so we are in good shape to meet our goals by the end of January. He reminded everyone that the 1295 Audit Form needs to be done by February and 1728 needs to be done in January. He also reported on the newsletter and membership drives. We will be having a Fraternal Benefits Night at our social meeting this month. It was also reported that we need 6 new members and have gotten 3 so far.

The 4th Degree will be having their Christmas Party on Friday, December 1, 2023, in LaPorte. It is open to any member and spouse and gifts will be donated and then given to Gibault. The Christmas Party is limited to 100 people so please get your reservation in soon. John has a list of gift suggestions from Gibault. It was also reported that the next Exemplification will be on November 18 in Granger. Jim Welborne is going to this exemplification. The next 4th Degree meeting will be in Michigan City and it will be a non-meal meeting on November 14.

Jim W. gave an update on our website and Facebook pages. Discussion took place that the calendar on the website needs to be updated with our fundraiser schedule and meeting schedule. It was motioned and second to move our social meeting to January 2nd and our

business meeting would then be on Monday January 15 because of New Years. Motion carried. It was also brought up that the first Fish Fry will be on February 18th next year.

Our social meeting in November will be a Fraternal Benefits Night and we will be serving Pizza and asking the members to bring in deserts.

Al T. reported that they served 85 families at the Food Pantry last week.

Jerry S. reported on the Toys for Tots program he heads up.

Al T. reported that so far, we have collected \$8,614.31 in funds from the Baby Bottle Campaign and that 194 bottles were still out there someplace in space. It was reported that for every \$500 raised Supreme will donate \$100 with a cap at \$1,000.

Bill and Bob reported on the Tootsie Roll Drive and that each charity will be getting \$4,000 from the drive.

Discussion was held on the awards for Knight of the Year and Lady Knight of the year.

Jerry T. gave a report on the outdoor Knights sign on the church property. Everyone asked what sign? Jerry T. reported that a sign was installed many years ago by the lighted message board on Woodland Ave and needs repairs. It was decided that Jerry would take charge of this repair.

GK Bruce also reminded everyone about the license plate program.

Discussion was held on the donation for the new inspirational billboard sign that is being proposed by someone in the parish. The donation was tabled to see how we are sitting financially.

Discussion was also held by DD Marty and GK Bruce on the possibility of a Hispanic Roundtable at our parish and at trying to get one established at Saint Stanislaus.

For the Good of the Order. Please pray for Kay Storey, Debbie and Dwayne Hogan, Jim Welborne, Jerry's brother in law, John Zaknoun, Jim and Nancy Whelan, Dave and Kym Bayes, Bruce's father, Jim W son, John Pahsen, Bill Zientarski, Steve Zolvinski and Sam Pezzuto.

The meeting closed with a prayer lead by GK Bruce at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Recorder Tom Root