

## **Minutes – St Joseph Society November 11, 2009**

The meeting was opened by President Carlos Juenke. There were 40 members present.

**Opening Prayer: “Remembering St Joseph”**. Carlos briefly discussed the Hartmann Family History and their involvement with St. Josephs Society. He recognized the descendents of Morris Hartmann present at the meeting.

All veterans were acknowledged and asked to state their time served in the military and their branch of service.

Carlos gave brief history of members serving in WW II with a special tribute to Paul Wallendorf, Ollie Schaeffer, and Louis Loth.

Darin Holmes read the poem, “In Flanders Fields,” by - Lt.-Col. John McCrae (1872 - 1918)

All members sang “God Bless America.”

Members prayed a decade of the Rosary, dedicated to all vets, alive and dead.

**Minutes** – Members approved the minutes as mailed, emailed, and posted to the Society Website.

**Treasurers Report:** Current Profit and Loss & Balance Sheet for October 09. Treasurer Darin Holmes reported total cash balance of \$39,456.30 with total assets of \$49,784.60.

**New Members:** Pablo Sanchez was unanimously accepted into membership. We are waiting for response of 2 other potential members.

### **Old Business**

**Secretary Position** – Wade Boone was nominated to fill the vacant office of secretary and voted in by acclamation.

**Annual BBQ Preparations** – The initial drive to collect Raffle Prizes has begun. This year’s goal is to double last year’s income from this major fundraiser for the Society.

Carlos asked the membership to look for donated items for Silent Auction, Paddle Wheel, and Raffle sales.

Goal: Get all prizes by the end of December.

Cook crews (Butch Zenner) and Serving crews (Francis Hartmann) are set.

Francis Hartmann announced the closing of the Hartmann Reunion Accounts. Remaining funds will be distributed evenly to St. Joseph’s Society and St. Anne’s Society.

BBQ pits are reserved.

Carlos set a goal for ticket sales at \$50 per member.

**Halle Renovation** – Because the condition of the building is rapidly worsening, Carlos emphasized the need to get started on the Capital Campaign for Halle renovation in January. Members discussed the problems with moisture in the walls.

Jeff Dittmar reported that according to the experts, the extent of moisture damage to the walls can’t be determined until the plaster is removed, but preliminary inspections indicate

deterioration is present in the lower rock with the potential of causing serious structural damage to the building.

## **New Business**

**Catholic Raffle for the School** – Loretta Schmidt discussed sales of raffle tickets sponsored by Catholic Life – she urged members to assist in the sale of tickets with a goal of \$1,000,000. All monies from ticket sales go directly to St. Mary’s School. The school will use the monies to purchase new playground equipment and assist students with tuition.

**Christmas Family Dinner** – The Christmas dinner will be held Dec. 9, 2009. This year, it will be potluck, with food assignments as follows:

- A – E Deserts (for 10 people)
- F – J Salads (for 10 people)
- K – P Side Dishes (for 10 people)
- R – Z Meat Dishes (for 10 people)

**Annual Report** – The annual report will be presented to members in the January meeting.

**Goals for 2010** – Members will meet in groups to set Goals for 2010 in the Jan. meeting.

**Announcements** – Carlos announced a Day of Reflection to be held by Fr. Jim Harnan, Sat. Nov. 14 in Stonewall.

**New Items** – Steve Montgomery asked about the 501-C4 / 501-C3 status of the Society. Darin Holmes reported that Pat Klein recommended that the Society remain 501-C4, but should create a separate 501-C3 status for the Restoration Fund.

Tom Jung stated that it should be done before year’s end, as the cost for acquiring a 501 status is scheduled to increase.

Gus Pehl made a motion to give money as Christmas gifts to Father Enda \$125, Father Harnan \$75, 7 Seminarians \$50 each, and 5 deacons \$50 each. Motion seconded by Kermit Ernst. Motion passed.

Gus Pehl made a motion to give the officers authority to pay for the installation of a lamppost in front of the Halle. Darin Holmes said he had a quote of \$1600. The motion was tabled until January.

Kermit Ernst recommended that members wanting to discuss new items of business notify Carlos in advance so they can be placed on the agenda. Carlos concurred.

**Meals for Meetings** – Carlos discussed sharing meeting meals among different members each month. Volunteers for the January meeting are: Bobby Sagebiel, David Mills, Jeff Dittmar and Butch Zenner.

**Closing Prayer:** “Hail Mary “

Meal served: Tamales (by Frank) and Chile (by Martha)

Maintenance volunteers and Faith Series presenters met after the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Wade Boone, Secretary