

Fundraising Committee Meeting # 12- March 30, 2026

Members Present: Benito Costilla, Julia Cardona, Dwayne David, Erika Rivera, David Ehler, Jean Darby, Felipe Pacheco, Eugene Holub, Tim Kelty, Kenny Svrcek, Pete and Nancy Zenner. **Guest:** Tom Alejandro, treasurer for the KC's **Members Absent:** Martha Jeffcoat, Father John, Candelaria Escobar, Zeneida Kelley,

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 6:02 PM by Pete Zenner. Committee reports were given.

Pete introduced Tom Alejandro and allowed him to give us an update. New signage has been ordered for the KC Hall in regards to alcohol. We need to make known that the festival does not allow BYOB. The KC's will run the bar and it will be cash only. They will also serve sodas and bottled water. They will have back up money for change if needed. Pete stated that we had submitted our event insurance application when we met with Father John on Friday. We had confirmation that it was received. Pete said that we would take care of the cost of the event insurance, even the liquor portion. Nancy asked if the KC's would be charging us a rental fee for the hall and if so would that money come out before they cut a check for a portion of the profits from bar sales. Kenny said that they would not be charging the church a rental fee.

Raffle - co-chair, David Ehler, stated that he had ordered 1,000 more raffle tickets and that there were in. Eugene Holub gave an update on tickets that had been turned in and an incomplete number of tickets distributed. According to Eugene's records, we have had 255 envelopes (before this past weekend) and a total of 2,550 raffle tickets have been distributed. We had collected \$7,680. We will announce at mass on April 11-12 that all sold raffle ticket stubs and money should be turned in by April 20th. David and Felipe will start contacting people that haven't turned in raffle ticket stubs and money on April 16th. Raffle drawing will take place after the live auction is finished, on the stage, at approximately 4:30 or 5:00 PM on Sunday, May 3rd.

Entertainment - Julia and Erika gave an update on performers. It was decided that we will pay each group of dancers \$200 but not provide a meal. The Community Band members will receive a complimentary meal

ticket. There are about 15 members in the band. The band will play on the stage. Julia will announce the performers and has given us approximate performance times for each group. Eugene said that we have a sound system. He asked how each group would play their music and if they had someone who would handle this. Community band will play on the stage after Mass until 12 PM. Dancers are scheduled in 40 minute intervals with Czech group 12-12:40, and other two groups to follow @ 12:40 - 1:20 and 1:20 - 2:00. A parish family has agreed to pay the donation to one of the groups. DJ on the outside will not begin playing until 11 AM. We agreed to give the DJ a complimentary meal ticket as he is volunteering his time. There was some concern voiced about him plugging into the outside electrical outlet. Erika stated that he could bring an extension cord to run inside the BBQ building.

Games - Jean met at 4 PM with other members to pull out the booths and has located three wheels that are functioning. Plastic pools both hold water. She is still in need of workers for the kids games. Nancy volunteered to ask at the high school if they could get the word out to students needing community service hours. Eugene will send a flock note out to parents to seek help as well. Jean asked when she could start moving things into the hall. The Firemen's Giveaway is April 18th so we can move things in after that. (April 20th).

Auction: Benito stated that we had received a couple of monetary donations already: Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home - \$200; La Carreta Mexican Cuisine LLC (1301 W Cameron Ave, Rockdale, TX 76567 - \$150; SA Welding & Fences Construction (PO Box 162) Milano, TX 76556 \$500.

Finance/Records: Benito has set up an account online to track expenditures and income. He reminded members to get with him when submitting a check request form and to make a copy for his records. We discussed using a Square device to allow the use of credit or debit cards. Lindsey Lillard has offered to let us use hers. She also volunteered to help her mom, Rita Juergens, set up our account online. I read the text from Brenda Gonzalez in regard to the Clover System that is similar to Square. We also discussed the benefits of the church ordering their own Square device and that we had talked to Father John about that and he would bring it to the attention of the Finance Council. Rita Juergens had brought out her Verizon tower earlier in the afternoon to check for WIFI service to allow us to use the Square. We discussed who would pay for the

processing fees that Square charges for transactions Nancy made a motion that if someone uses Square to purchase a meal or game or food tickets, that they would pay the fee but if it is used to pay for auction items (silent and live), the parish would absorb the cost of the processing fee. Tim seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Meal - Dwayne stated that the KC Hall had recently switched to a new vendor for ordering food and supplies. Since Candelaria was not there, and Julia was planning on talking to the Guadalupanas, she asked how she could help. Dwayne stated that he had asked Candelaria to find at least 10 people that would commit to help with prep Saturday evening after Mass (6PM) (preparation for meal the next day), to help cook the meal, serve the meal and clean afterwards. It was our hopes that the Spanish parishioners would make the beans (charro beans) He said that we would be making 80 lbs. of beans. The items needed for the Festival will be ordered by the KC's from their vendor, they will pay for the food and then they will submit an invoice and check request form for the church to reimburse them for their costs. This will include paper goods such as plates, silverware, cups for tea, dessert containers, and extra forks. Nancy asked if we would continue to offer to sell tea for people after the lunch. We will only have unsweet tea with sugar and artificial sweetener packets available - no sweet tea or lemonade. We discussed the desserts not being included with the meal and it was proposed that we put the desserts with the kolache sales and that all are purchased with tickets rather than having a cash box with kolaches being a cash purchase. This was tabled until next meeting.

Publicity - Nancy mentioned that they were working on new flyers and asked if they thought having one with schedule of the day was important. T-shirts have been ordered and other parishioners have expressed interest in purchasing a t-shirt. There was discussion about doing this as a fundraiser and Nancy stated that she was not going to take this project on. Nancy shared that a friend of hers that goes to Holy Family in Lexington had asked their priest if we could come sell raffle tickets and that he was in agreement. No one on the committee volunteered to go there or to Cameron. Nancy & Eugene will create a letter to send to area churches asking for them to publicize our festival and sending a flyer to post. Nancy had also asked Father John if he was a member of the Ministerial Alliance and he said that Debby Currey was our representative. Nancy had talked to Debby about sharing the word with the other pastors. She stated that

she would be happy to send them an email and share flyers about our event. There was discussion about a radio interview with Tim Kelty. Pete and Benito will check their schedules to see if they can join Tim on Tuesday, April 7th. Tim said they normally meet at Hogan Hall next to the Chamber building but Friday will be Lupita's last day so he will need to check on that. The Save the Date flyers are being distributed as parishioners visit the businesses in town for the auction.

Risk Management/Security - Kenny has already got a MCSO deputy to be on duty from 1 - 6 PM. Pete will get with Captain Stephen Goodrich from Rockdale PD about when he will work. Goodrich has also contacted TxDot to see if we could get signs on the high way on both sides of KC Hall to slow traffic in the area. Goodrich is waiting to hear back as to whether the PD needs to be in a formal request on letterhead for this. Pete talked to Mike Korenek about the possibility of getting some help parking cars, starting at 8 AM before mass. They also talked about striping the parking lot and someone mentioned that Macario Flores from our parish, striped our church parking lot. Pete had also asked Captain Goodrich if he felt that we would need a First Aid station and he stated that we should just have bandaids on hand and possible hydration drinks if kids get overheated. Kenny said that the KC Hall does have a First Aid kit and an AED. We will mark off the front of the building for handicapped parking. Kenny talked to Tom Alejandro and they will get new signage for handicapped parking.

Old Business - (1) We decided that we would not do pre-sale meal tickets.
(2) We will not do a t-shirt fundraiser for festival.

New Business - (1) Next meeting we will make a diagram of the set up of the hall. (3) We can start bringing things into the hall after the Firemen's Giveaway (April 18) and start setting up inside. At the meeting on April 20th, game booths and apparatus needs to be brought into the hall and cleaned.

Pete closed the meeting with a prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next meeting: Meetings scheduled for Monday, April 13th and Monday, April 20th, both at 6 PM at the KC Hall.

Submitted by Nancy Zenner

