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Dan, I recorded the minutes below since you were not able to attend the meeting. Please distribute to members as you normally do. Thanks

Minutes of Columbus Club Meeting on October 11, 2023.

Meeting called to order by Vinny Ruiz at 7:10pm. Opening prayer was recited.

Members in attendance:

Mike Tufano, Charlie Combs, Larry DeFrancesco, Ron Candelora, Doug Stokley, Carl Bergquist, Don Bonato,

Dave Vihonski, Joe Nelly, Vinny Ruiz.

Treasurer Report given by Don Bonato. See Don for exact financial figures. Don would like to invest another \$20,000

in a CD. Our current CD matures in November with a rate of 4%. Would like to have CD's mature at different times between

3-6 months apart. Joe Nelly suggests we set budget for renovation of the council room and invest the remainder in a CD

or money market. Motion tabled to next month in order to have different maturity dates on CDs.

Rentals Ron Candelora, rental agent, mentioned the last time SARAH used our hall they left it in unsatisfactory condition.

Lot of water on the floor behind the bar, etc that members had to clean up. He asked if SARAH should be required to leave a

security deposit, as required of other renters, for their upcoming event in February 2024. Ron also asked if SARAH should continue to receive a discount on the rental cost. Ron also asked if SARAH should sign a contract when renting the hall.

Doug Stokley knows a SARAH board member and will discuss our concerns with this person.

Motion to table discussion until next month.

Bingo Carl Bergquist, bingo chairman, stated bingo continues to do well with average attendance between 65-70. Labor Day

had a disappointing turn out. Need to consider if it is worth holding bingo next Labor Day. Carl met with Marcel Blanchet at bingo

one evening. Marcel is an advertising and promotion expert. This meeting was arraigned by Joe Nelly. Carl said he and Marcel

continued their discussion via the phone the following day. Marcel is working on few ideas to increase the number of players.

One idea is to host a fashion or jewelry show at bingo since 95% of the players are female. Marcel will forward to written report to

Carl and Joe.

Mike Tufano is not sure of the future of bingo dinners. Right now Mike is cooking full meals but

that is taking a toll on him.

He may return to offering pasta, meatballs and salad only. This requires less time and labor. Mike will make final decision in early 2024.

Unfinished Business Mike Tufano stated exhaust fan in kitchen is working well at this point. No rush to replace it.

Halloween party is a sell out. 150 tickets sold. In order to keep portions under control, Mike will need

help serving the food. He does not want people helping themselves. Dinner will be catered by outside firm.

Vinny stated that Joe Nelly recommends the hiring of 2 boys to set up hall for bingo. These same boys have been setting up hall for months

on an informal basis. All agree we need help to do this so members are not always volunteering time to set up hall.

They will be paid \$20 each via a check from Columbus Club account. Takes approx. 30-40 minutes to set up.

Ron Candelora asked if we should charge sales tax on a rental. Joe Nelly went on line and found out it is not required to do so.

New lights have been installed in main hall this week. They are much brighter than old ones. Two new chandeliers will be installed as

well. (Note: Four days after meeting 3, not 2, new chandeliers were installed)

We will pay Eversource approx. \$200/month for four years.

New Business Mike Tufano stated new refrigerators are needed in the kitchen.

Don Bonato stated we need to get a quote for new A/C units for the hall. The current ones are over 30 years old and are

inefficient and expensive to run. A/C not working in council room at all. Several options to fix issue include central air

or window units.

Vinny Ruiz stated the board needs a slate of new officers for the November meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:12pm

Submitted by Carl Bergquist, acting recorded, in the absence of Dan Walker.

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