

MMG Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025
6:30pm

Attendees: Tony Martinez, Ben Briceño, Armando Villarreal, Marcelino Gonzalez, Vincent Estrada, Henry Saenz, Andy Maldonado, Eric Castilleja, Jaime Rodriguez

Opening Prayer: John Mendoza

Social Justice: Henry Saenz gave a brief heads up on what the visit from Social Justice was going to be about. Moved on to other items on agenda while we waited for their visit to our meeting.

Review of MMG Financial Account:

- ▶ **Deductions:** Carolina Cisneros (Business Manager) deducted \$1,000 (2nd payment) from MMG account for car port.
- ▶ **Additions:**
 - Donations received for Turkey Leg boxes so far \$510 (6 boxes). So far 20 boxes total have been pledged.
 - Donation received of \$100 for sale of MMG push mower to Henry Saenz.
- ▶ **MMG Account balance** \$3,257.87 as of 7/22/2025.

Jamaica Discussion:

- ▶ **Turkey Leg Booth:**
 - Discussed needing to get the pledged donations (moneys for turkey legs) turned in either to the office or online thru E-Giving.
 - Discussed needing volunteers for work the booth possibly in 3-hour shifts. Confirmation received from Armando (2 shifts), Henry, Tony, Ben (all day), Jaime, Marcelino (early), and John (all day). Patrick Torres will be the pit master.
 - Ben Briceño mentioned if we put the frozen Turkey Legs into Coolers for defrosting (day before Jamaica), no ice should be added to allow the turkey legs to thaw.
- ▶ **Silent Auctions Basket donation:**
 - A vote was taken on whether we should withdraw money from the MMG account to donate money for the basket. All members present voted **not** to withdraw money from the MMG account.
 - Jaime Rodriguez will be donating a bottle of Crown Royal, Eric Castilleja will donate items from Southwest airlines, Marcelino Gonzalez will donate a gift card, Henry Saenz will donate a gift card. Tony Martinez mentioned he believes he has a basket we could use.
- ▶ **Booth Setup/Jamaica Cleanup:**
 - Tony Martinez asked about Jamaica Booth Setup. It was mentioned that it is usually done the Thursday prior to the Jamaica.
 - John Mendoza also mentioned about tear down and clean up after the Jamaica. This is normally done on Monday after the Jamaica.

Grounds UpKeep Discussion:

- ▶ Riding Lawnmower – One of the rear tires was in need of repair. The stem where you put air into the tire was broken off. John Mendoza took the tire and had it repaired, the cost was \$27.06.

- ▶ Henry Saenz, Benito Perez, Robert Ramos, and John Mendoza have begun cutting grass on church grounds some areas still need cutting.

Social Justice Visit: Several (6-7) members of the Social Justice visited us in Room 1. Essentially they wanted to meet us. A member of the Social Justice group paired off with a member of the MMG and simply introduced ourselves to each other. We mentioned things like our names, how long we been at OLG, where we worked, ministries we were involved in at OLG, family, etc. Visit was scheduled for 15 minutes (but went on for a few more minutes to wrap up).

Christmas Guadalupefest: The date for this event is December 7, 2025. We've started to get inquiries from vendors about this event. Will get back with Leo De La Garza and/or Raul Garcia about handling calls, inquiries, registrations, etc. from vendors.

Other Business:

- ▶ John Mendoza discussed a prior request from Dora Trevino in regards to whether Men's Group would help a parishioner (Hilda Moncivais). Her yard needed the grass cut (very tall weeds). On July 11, 2025 John Mendoza, Benito Perez, Benito Perez Jr. and Robert Ramos) went and cut her yard (front and backyard). Although it was not necessary, Hilda mentioned today that she has made a donation to the MMG account. A second part of the request from Dora, was whether we could paint Hilda's house. This part will need more research and discussion with Hilda and also find a professional painter to determine what's actually needed and cost.
- ▶ Marcelino Gonzalez brought up a fundraiser he and family would be doing prior to Jamaica. He mentioned he would be asking in the near future for donations from both individuals and from the Men's Group. He mentioned he would be using the BBQ pit.
- ▶ Leo De La Garza forwarded a message from Julie Levy asking for volunteers to help move items from the Life Center to the Hall on Saturday 7/26/2025 from 8am to 10am.

Closing Prayer: John Mendoza