MMG Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2025
6:30pm

Attendees: John Mendoza, Raul Martinez, Henry Saenz, Ray Saldaña, Armando Villarreal, Benito Perez, Vincent Estrada

Opening Prayer: John Mendoza

Jamaica Turkey Leg Booth - Summary/Feedback:

1. Summary:
   - Turkey Legs were iced down into 6 ice chest (various sizes and borrowed).
   - We bought 21 boxes of turkey legs (each box contains approximately 15-18 turkey legs).
   - We sold turkey legs for $12.
   - We sold out at 8:44PM, turned in last tickets to room 1. We made $3,594 based on the final count.
2. Feedback:
   - We discussed buying a couple of large ice chests. Raul Martinez mentioned he knew someone that could possibly get us a good price on them. There was also discussion on getting them with wheels, however the larger ice chest may not come with them.
   - We discussed buying a couple of tables, instead of using the ones from the class room.
   - John Mendoza mentioned that the tarp covering the booth was short, it didn't cover completely. We borrowed a tarp from Albert Banda and covered the area. We need to speak to the Jamaica Committee and ask that next year the whole booth get covered.
   - There was no bottled water supplied to volunteers this year at the Jamaica, Charles Arevalo mentioned each booth had to supply their own. Luckily Marcelino Gonzalez brought a small ice chest with bottled waters for our booth. We need remember to get bottle waters for our booth next year.

Silent Auction Basket Donation

- ► Jaime Rodriguez and Eric Castilleja put together the items for the donated basket. The basket was retailed at $458.95. This item was sold, but will check on final auction bid. Good job on this.

Grounds UpKeep Discussion:

- ► Henry Saenz, Benito Perez Jr., Vincent Estrada, and John Mendoza cut the grass around the outside perimeter. Frank Peña will be using the riding lawnmower on Monday 9/22/25 to cut grass next to the hall in preparation for the marriage retreat weekend. Benito Perez mentioned possibly cutting the grass in back of the hall tomorrow (9/19/25) or Saturday (9/20/25).
- ► Leo De La Garza purchased a new rear tire for the riding lawnmower.
- ► There was discussion about purchasing 4 new tires for the riding lawnmower after the Christmas Guadalupefest.
- ► Ray Saldaña mentioned he had an inner tube for a tire he could give us, but he asked the size of the tire (20 x 8.00 – 8 NHS).
- ► Henry Saenz suggested parking the riding lawnmower to one side, so that it would be easier to get to the push mowers. However, John Mendoza mentioned that it's sometimes difficult to get the riding lawnmower out of the shed, without moving all the push mower out of the way. The shed needs to be cleared out of clutter and organized better.

- Ray Saldaña suggested whenever it was time to get new mowers, to get the ones that fold standing up, which takes up less room for storage.
- Benito Perez suggested setting up a rack, where the weedeaters can be stored along the wall.

Chrismas Guadalupefest Discussion:

- This event scheduled for Sunday December 7, 2025.
- We discussed whether we would be selling chicken plates again or something else like Taco plates or even Hamburgers. More to come on this at a later time.

Other Business:

- John Mendoza brought up the topic of the Food Pantry giving Thanksgiving turkeys and other food item for families. John suggested helping/donating money or food items. Henry Saenz suggested simply making a donation of money to the food pantry directly, since they were going to have to purchase the turkeys this year.
- John Mendoza also brought up the topic of adopting a family or two for Christmas. There will be a Christmas tree setup in the office (possibly in November/December) which contains ornaments that are for donations to families, which may include gift cards or items of clothing, etc.
- Benito Perez discussed a project dealing with the area where water drains from the parking lot towards East side fence. He mentioned possibly using some of the rocks near the Jamaica storage container in this area to prevent erosion or possible damage to sidewalk.

Closing Prayer: "Our Father" prayed be all present. "Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us".