



MMG Meeting Minutes
October 6, 2025 @ 6:30pm in Rm 2

Attendance: Ray Saldana, Marcelino Gonzales, Vincent Estrada, Andy Maldonado, Tony Martinez, Raul Martinez, John Mendoza, Henry Saenz, Armando Villarreal, Andrew Hernandez, Victor Mokarzel and Leo DeLaGarza

Opening Prayer by Marcelino Gonzales

Lectio Divina: We reviewed “Wisdom 3:9” and meditated on it’s meaning to the group. Good discussion.

Minutes from September 2025 meeting reviewed. Thanks to John Mendoza for his excellent work coordinating the meeting and writing up the minutes. Motion by Marcelino and Seconded by Tony to approve minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

MMG Budget and Balance Sheet: We have \$2800 in our account but only 16 vendors have paid for their booths.....expect another \$400 from vendors for our December festival.

Ice Chest needed: After much discussion the group elected to purchase two (2) new 152 Qt ice coolers from Academy. Price is \$114.99 each. The coolers will be utilized for Jamaica and GuadalupeFest or for other occasions. Motion by Ray and seconded by Henry to purchase new ice coolers. Motion passed unanimously.

Christ-mas GuadalupeFest: Event will be on December 7th with prep work on Saturday December 6th. We have 26 vendors at present. We only have outside spaces available if additional vendors apply. We must make room for 22 vendors indoor which will require a little tweaking....we can accommodate 20 to 21 comfortably.....we will need another space for Patricia Cunningham (Realtor). Two of the vendors paid for 4 booths.....so they are taking up a little more space than usually. After much discussion group agreed to the following:

- We will serve Chicken quarters with sausage from Hudson Meat Market, along with Potato salad and beans. We will provide tea with the meal. The price will stay at \$10. We will serve 200 plates.
- Raul Martinez (Tony's brother) will be the pit master and cook the chicken.
- Victor has agreed to make the potato salad.....not his mother's recipe!!
- Where to buy the chicken will depend on the best prices at the time. East Side Poultry , Restaurant Depot, etc. Sausage will be from Hudson Meat Market.
- We will serve breakfast first up to 11am. Lunch plates will be served at that time.
- Breakfast will consist of tacos only....egg, bacon, chorizo, picadillo, and potato. Menudo will be served however Ben Briceno will not be able to help this year. We need to find another cook.....help. We will ask George Salinas.
- The office provides some funding for breakfast, but it will probably need to be supplemented.
- The deserts will be provided by the youth group lead by Claudia and Adrian....for both breakfast and the event. We will still provide the coffee, water and whatever drinks are available in the cooler.

Summer Youth Employment Program: Albert has requested someone start up the SYEP again.....Albert and Rosie coordinated the SYEP for years but currently are not able to continue because of other responsibilities. The city will have a training on November 14th which needs to be attended to start up the program again. Andrew volunteered to take the lead and to keep us posted on what he will need to continue the program. He agreed to attend the training. If others can help please coordinate with Andrew. It would be good to have a women involved as well since many of the kids are girls. The age group is 14 to 17. Kids must be at least 14 by April 1, 2026. See enclosed fact sheet from Travis County.

Other Business:

- Can goods are needed in view of the Federal Govt issues with the SNAP program.
- Office is requesting \$25 gift cards for Thanksgiving....if you would like to donate stop by the office.
- Should be adopt a family for Thanksgiving or Christmas? More later.

End of Meeting and Closing Prayer: Marcelino Gonzalez....8pm.