



OLL Dads Club General Meeting August 29, 2023

Minutes

- Meeting called to order by President Orlando at 7:18pm, Orly welcomed the Dads and led us in the opening prayer.
- **School Update** – Ms. Picazo welcomed the Dads and talked about the important role Fathers play in the lives of the children. She spoke about how much support the Dad's club has provided to the school and how it is unique to OLL. Thanks to Dad's Club the school has a new sound system, AV system in the gym, new floors, and Dad's club made a significant contribution to the playground. The school is enjoying its highest enrollment ever. There are only 2 slots open in PreK2 and Prek3 if you know anyone. The school will be upgrading the preK playground, Dads club and a number of donors have made a contribution to the cost which is over \$100K if any company or individual is looking to make a tax deductible donation more donations are welcome. The project is going through the legal paperwork processing to submit to the city for permitting. The administration is supportive of putting fans in the Prek2 outdoor play area. Need to look into the type of fan to use as the space is open to the elements.
- **Parish Update** – Lou Mendez the founding President of the Dads club and whos children are school alums and grandkids are current students gave a parish update. Lou spoke about the importance of getting involved in the parish. Church attendance is down and we are short



volunteers in the parish for ushers, lectors, etc. Please dedicate some time to support the church if you can. Lou also spoke about the great resources available to strengthen us spiritually. There are two upcoming retreats that he recommended Emaus the weekend of Sep 15 and Life-Giving Wounds Retreat on Sep 23/24. Quite a few members of the Dads club have participated in the Emaus retreat and it has changed lives. Lou has shared the details of both retreats on the chat and you can reach out to him for any questions. Lou also emphasized that he has resources and support for anything Dads or couples could be dealing with. You can always reach out to him and all conversations are confidential.

Fr. Cesar the new Parochial Vicar of the Parish welcomed the Dads. He emphasized the important role of fathers in the lives of children and the importance of community.

- **Dad's Club Board Introductions** – The board introduced themselves – Orlando H. – President and Chair Pignic, Sean T. – Secretary, Charlie W. – Treasurer, Jose M. – Chair Basketball/Member Development, Roy H. - Comms and Social Media, Mike B. – Chair Softball, Ernesto I. – Chair Softball, Miguel B. – Chair Golf, A.J. G. – Chair Golf, Alex H. – Chair Pignic and Parliamentarian, Alex M. – Chair Networking and Pickleball (TBD), Jaime S – Chair Fishing Tourney (TBD), David A. not present but integral role in the club and Festival Chair.



- **Treasurers Update** – Charlie gave a breakdown of the ~ \$65K the club raised last year.
- **Softball Tournament Update** – Tournament will be Dec 1 and 2. We are incorporating a HR derby on Dec 1. Tourney will be held in a new location with some new rules like a fun pay for runs option. More to come from Chairs Ernesto and Mike on the Softball tournament. Please get in touch with them if you are interested in helping out in organizing the tournament.
- **Pignic Update** – The Pignic – pig roast competition will take place on January 27. Plenty of opportunities to get involved either through competing or helping set up. We usually get a 1000 people come to this all day event. Chair Orly and Co-Chair Alex will have more to come.
- **Festival Update** – David A. is Festival chair. We need all hands on deck for this event which takes place Feb 29 – Mar 3. The Dads Club booth is the highest revenue driver. More to come from David A. Alex, Orly and Miguel will be running the booth and will also have more details in the coming meetings.
- **Cheetah Classic Golf Update** – Chairs Miguel B. and AJ G. gave a brief golf update. Cheetah Classic has been a consistently sold out event so get your foursome in early. The Golf tournament will take place on May 3, 2024



- **Basketball Tournament Update** – Chairs Jose M. and Charlie W. talked about the basketball tournament. Great 3 on 3 event, Free throw contest. It's a draft format to make it fun and fair. Date is TBD.
- **Other events in the works** - Jaime S. is working on a fishing tournament and Alex M. looking to Pickleball tourney and networking event. If interested in assisting please reach out to them.
- **Where to get information** - Calendar of events and meeting minutes and additional information is available on the Dads Club website OLLDADSCLUB.COM also the Whatsapp Dads Club chat group is the best forum to get the latest information and also support each other for school or community appropriate items.
- **Next general meeting** – Scheduled for Tuesday Oct 17.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm