

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, December 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Members Present: Hugh Ryan, Kassie Doyle, John Doherty, Don Slesnik III, Bill O'Brien, Noel McManus Stillings, Joe McManus, Richard Welch, Chris Kelley, Judi Tierney Sherry, Phil Morrissey, Paul Reilly, Sean Flynn, Sean Hayes, Mary Gerhardt

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome any guests: Barbara McManus, Billy Cameron, Ann McShane, Mary Ann Kerr, Oliver Kerr

Order of Business:

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan) For the Good of the Order

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Minutes of November Board meeting. C. Kelley moves to approve November minutes. Second by J. Tierney Sherry. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- Committee Chairs: John needs your proposed budget for 2013 year before end of year. Only Installation and ByLaws have sent budgets to John. Motion to approve by J. McManus. Second by S. Flynn. Motion Passes.

Committee Reports:

Christmas In Ireland (K. Doyle) –

- Last minute status report. We are basically ready to go forward. Attendance is low this year, but we hope for a few more RSVPs prior to event. We guaranteed 125 to venue, so we have enough food for walk-ins.
- Discussion regarding additional advertising, including day-of-event email blast to advise walk-ups ok.
- No open bar for cocktail hour.
- Thank you to all people who donated and Christmas committee. We are looking forward to a great event!

St. Patrick's Festival- (H. Ryan)

- On 11/13/12 St. Patrick's Committee voted that there will not be a festival for 2013
- Discussion held regarding set-up in other corporations: two separate corporations with identical boards (to have one meeting adjourned and immediately followed by second meeting).

- J. Tierney Sherry suggests forming a committee to discuss and form a plan and suggest possible solutions
- Discussion about hiring an attorney to answer tax questions (Can a 501(c)(3) be a subsidiary of a 501(c)(7)?)
- Discussion regarding decrease in Irish population in Miami. Declining number of volunteers, Irish, and Irish volunteers.
- Executive board to address Festival

Orange Bowl Parade – Dec. 30, 2012

- Arrive at 12:00 p.m. to avoid traffic, parking issues
- Parade begins at 2
- Need 25 Emeralds to march
- Handing out candy/fliers is discouraged

Socials- (Paul Reilly)

- January 17, 2013 Hurricane's Bar in Miami Springs (Joe Healy is owner again)
- February – Scullys, date TBA

Membership –(H. Ryan & C. Kelley)-new members

- No new members to report. Super new membership plan to be announce in February
- Emeralds in Marlins Park – June 15, 2013
 - o St. Louis Cardinals v. Miami Marlins
 - o Left field, good seats

Installation Dinner-(Judi Tierney Sherry) – no news to report

Website and Big Mouth –(J. Doherty) – no news to report

Shamrock News –(Joe & Barbara McManus) – no news to report

Health & Welfare-(M.A. Kerr)

- Chuck Harty is out of the hospital.
- Chris Kelley's brother coming to Miami to plan in basketball tournament

Nominating Committee

- February slate. Meeting to create proposed slate will be held in January.
- Please contact Chris Kelley if you want to volunteer

Celtic Cultural Series

- Economic history of Ireland was very good and receiving excellent feedback! Phil would like to do a repeat event.
- N. McManus – advised Ed Cooke has 2 – 3 events lined up.

Unfinished Business

New Business

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Broward

- Ft. Lauderdale parade is March 9, 2013 on Las Olas in Ft. Lauderdale.
- Applications to join, walk in parade, sponsor, etc.
- Discussion regarding possible rental of bus from Miami to FLL for Emerald members who want to go to parade. Mary Gerhardt checked prices with Horizon Coach Lines – 6 hours (11 am – 5) costs \$550 + tip for 55 passengers
- Discussion regarding whether and how involved Emerald Society wants to get in Ft. Lauderdale Parade
- H. Ryan to find out more info about parade.

Good of the Order/ Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn by S. Flynn. Second by C. Kelley. Motion passes.

Next meeting: January 10, 2013 - 6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club