

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
February 7, 2008
Miami Yacht Club

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Flag Salute: Dan Fitzgerald

Visitor/Guest: Barbara McManus

Present were: President David Russell, Second Vice President, Oliver Kerr, Treasurer, John Doherty, Secretary, Patricia O'Regan Rios. Also present were Board members Billy Cameron, MaryAnn Kerr, Dan Fitzgerald, Mary Gerhardt, Nabil Salem, Jon Linderman, Chris Kelly and Joe McManus. Excused were: Carroll Cameron and Bella Kelly.

Order of Business:

January 10th minutes and directives were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

Treasurer presented the Second Draft 2008 Budget to the Board for discussion and ratification. All changes to the Second Draft 2008 Budget were discussed and voted upon resulting in the final 2008 Budget.. Copies of the Final Budget wo;; be e-mailed to all Board Members.

A large cash position in the checking account is being maintained until the St. Patrick Festival is over, at which time it will be converted into a CD.

Tax return has been prepared and is ready to be mailed.

Motion: Bill O'Brien

Seconded: Mary Gerhardt

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Committee Reports:

Social Sites: (B. O'Brien & N. Salem)

February Social: Thursday, February 28th at 6:30 pm

Commodore Plaza in the Grove (Public Parking Lot)

Happy Hour ends at 8:00 pm. Members need to identify themselves as Emeralds for continued happy hour discount until 9:00 pm

Christmas in Ireland: (P. Novak & N. Salem)

Christmas in Ireland should be considered our major event. To be successful both financially and a good membership/friends turnout the following needs to be accomplished:

- ✓ good organization team
- ✓ great facility (at least 200 people)

- ✓ **early** sale of raffle tickets
- ✓ all prizes should be donated

Membership: (T. Lynch & M.Gerhardt)

Website & Big Mouth: Site is growing but still not being fully utilized. There are 160 members, and 220 people get information on the website. Guidelines are needed on use of membership/e-mails.

Motion: Restrict use of website for jobs & similar by McManus

Seconded by: B. O'Brien

Shamrock News: Oliver working towards getting newsletter out this weekend.

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Health & Welfare:

A Sympathy Card was sent to Dave and Judy Russell.

Contributions were sent to the following:

St. Patrick Missionary Priests, in remembrance of Patrick Novak's father, Joseph

The Jesuits, in memory of Member Father Bill Kidwell

The Sisters of St. Joseph, in memory of Bill Owens wife, Louise.

Motion: Chris Kelly

Seconded by: Bill O'Brien

Respectfully submitted
Patricia O'Regan Rios

Directives

Directive: Tax return to be mailed

Directive: Final 2008 Budget to be e-mailed to all Board Members.

Directive: Health & Welfare committee to send donations.