

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Miami Yacht Club

Thursday, February 5, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:11PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Jon Lindeman, 1st V.P., Janice McKay, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John P. Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Sean Ferrell, Bella Kelly, Bill O'Brien and Tom Lynch, Joe McManus, Jan Paris. Also in attendance were members: Billy Cameron, Carroll Cameron, and Mary Ann Kerr.

Excused absences: Judy Sherry

Order of Business:

Changes in Agenda- O. Kerr

Correction- Mary Gerhardt is **not** on the membership committee

Secretary's Report: H. A. Ryan

Minutes of December Meeting were reviewed.

Correction noted for J. McManus absence at December board meeting as excused.

Motion to approve minutes is carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

Financial Reports submitted for review

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

2009 Budget presented to board previously in an 18 page e-mail document for discussion at this board meeting.

Motion to pass Budget by Lindeman

2nd by C. Kelley

Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Christmastime in Ireland-

Barbara Bonard was the winner of the raffle of the cruise and she wants to redeem her prize.

O. Kerr- A directive to talk to Patrick Novak to get the cruise to the rightful winner in a timely manner.

M.A. Kerr- Ann McShane reports from Ireland that the Dublin City Ramblers talked about the SFES Christmas in Ireland event on the radio in Dublin.

M. Gerhardt- The Dublin City Ramblers have photos from the event on their website.

Social Committee: B. O'Brien-

Upcoming Socials:

February 18th- Irish Times Pub- South Miami

March- St. Pat's Festival, Coral Gables

April 15th- Miami Shores Country Club

May- Installation Dinner, Jungle Island

June 17th- La Palma Restaurant, Coral Gables

Membership Committee: Carroll Cameron

3 new members-

-Emma Kohler- sponsored by Phyllis Lane

-Bob Rance- sponsored by Carol Miller

-Pauline Walsh Ramos- sponsored by John Kane

All have paid.

Motion to accept by C. Kelley

2nd by M. Gerhardt

Motion carried.

Currently there are 171 SFES members, with 85 of those unpaid

Website/Big Mouth- J. Doherty

Website-

J. McManus- Is there anyway to track the number of visits onto the website?
Doherty- I'll look into it before the next meeting

O. Kerr- The Irish Echo from Dublin has a link to the SFES Website.

Big Mouth-

We need the announcements in advance in order to be effective.

Shamrock News- J. McManus

The editors will be away in April and will need to have someone step up and take the responsibility for the newsletter that month.

New Business:

McManus-

The SFES Nominating Committee for 2009 consists of J. McManus, J. Lindeman and B. O'Brien.

The officers nominated are:

- President- O. Kerr
- 1st Vice Pres. - J. McKay
- 2nd Vice Pres. - J. Lindeman
- Treasurer- J. Doherty
- Secretary- H. Ryan
- Historian- D. Fitzgerald
- Immediate Past Pres- J. McManus

McManus- I would like to finalize the ballot with open director positions and send it out by e-mail or mail as soon as possible. The results should be announced by the St. Pat's Festival.

O. Kerr- I would like to announce that Nabil Salem resigned his board position today.

McManus- The Nominating Committee will contact all potential candidates and solidify the ballot prior to sending it out to the membership.

J. Lindeman- there needs to be clarification as to the procedure of immediate past Presidency when the current President serves for 2 years. I will check the SFES By-Laws or Robert's Rules of Order.

Health & Welfare- M.A. Kerr

Carmen Kissane- recently had a heart attack and we sent a get well soon card.

Richard Welch- We need to send him a card of congratulations for the arrival of his new baby.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:11 PM

Next Board Meeting March 5, 2009, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**