

The South Florida Emerald Society

Board of Director's Meeting

Miami Yacht Club
Tuesday, July 1, 2014 6:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Don Harrington, John Doherty, Dan Fitzgerald, Richard Welch, Noel McManus Stillings, Joe McManus, Sean Ferrell, Johnette Hardemon, Hugh A. Ryan, Bill O'Brien

Guests: Barbara McManus

Order of Business:

President's Report

- D. Harrington - This year we are focusing on increasing membership which is vital to the success & survival of this organization.

Secretary's Report

- June Minutes - Approved as amended. Secretary Kassie Doyle is absent so Past President Hugh Ryan will take minutes for July.

Treasurer's Report

- (See attached Treasurer's report)
- Motion to roll over CD under discussion and motion to approve Treasurer's report by J. McManus; 2nd by D. Fitzgerald. Motion passes.

Committee Reports

- Christmas in Ireland (K. Doyle) – Nothing to Report
- Socials (H. Ryan)
 - o July 23rd - Scully's in Kendall
 - o August - vacation
 - o Sept. Half way to St. Pats - Blair Brogan said she would take over from Mary Gerhart
- Bloomsday - A smashing success in Coral Gables, 93 in attendance for the reading of Ulysses by Briana Casali, PhD UM, and songs by Paddy Kelleghan. Everyone marched to John Martin's afterwards for food, drink, and to watch the U.S. play in the World Cup.
 - o Thank you to John Kane for doing a wonderful job managing this event.

- Membership
 - o New Applicants: Kathleen Slesnick Kaufman, Tracy Harrington, Richard Al-Iman
 - Motion to approve both new members by D. Fitzgerald; 2nd by H. Ryan. Motion passes.
 - o C. Kelley asks Board to advise what members have not paid annual dues yet.
- Celtic Cultural Series - October Event -TBA
- 4th of July Parade - Billy Cameron - This Friday- meeting at St. Agnes Catholic Church at 9:00AM
- Shamrock News – Joe & Barbara McManus
 - o Has just been sent, of course we could use more pictures!

New Business

- Motion to appoint Sean Ferrell as 2nd Vice President by Dan Fitzgerald, 2nd by Noel McManus Stillings - Approved
- Discussion of merger potential for the South Florida Emerald Society and the St. Patrick's Day Festival Committee was introduced by John Doherty. See Mr. Doherty's memo dated June 6, 2014 wherein he spells out his proposal. – Tabled for further discussion at the September Board meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

- By J. McManus, 2nd H. Ryan. Motion passes.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Miami Yacht Club