

**Emerald Society**  
**June 3, 2004**  
**Miami Yacht Club**  
**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 PM. Present were President Tom Dunn, Second Vice President James Cooney, Treasurer & Board Member David Russell, Board members, Billy Cameron, Dan Fitzgerald, Joe McManus, Mary Ann Fierro, Oliver Kerr, John Doherty, and member Karen Dunn. A quorum was established. The president led a salute to the flag of the United States

**Minutes**

Minutes submitted by Carroll Cameron, who could not attend, were approved with some minor corrections. The order of business was adopted.

**President's Report**

The president announced that the organization was now officially recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)7 agency.

**Treasurer's Report** The treasurer's financial reports were presented and approved. See attached.

There followed some discussion of the need to contact members who had not renewed their membership. It was decided to have the membership committee contact these members by telephone, fax, email or other means to encourage their membership renewal.

**Committee Reports**

**Membership.** David Russell stated that Carroll Cameron had forwarded two new applications but he had not yet received their checks. Carroll Cameron will provide checks.

- **Kathleen Flanigan Witte** sponsored by Billy and Carroll Cameron was approved as a member subject to receiving her check on a motion by Mary Ann Fierro seconded by Oliver Kerr.
- **Frances Baboun** sponsored by Marge Hartnett was approved as a friend on a motion by Mary Ann Fierro seconded by Oliver Kerr.

It was noted that Patricia Kelly had applied sponsored by her daughter, Carroll Kelly and John Doherty, but that her check had not been received. The \$10 check will be collected later. She was approved as a member on a motion by Mary Ann Fierro seconded by Dan Fitzgerald.

Mary Ann Fierro raised a question about the application of Geraldine Sprat, sponsored by Henry and Carmen Kissane at the festival. Her \$30 initiation fee had been received but not the balance. Membership Committee will review her application.

**Cultural Series.** Joe McManus reported that the Cultural Series had a very successful session in May with Liz Weir, the Irish storyteller. There were 35 members in attendance and all enjoyed the presentation. He noted that the lending library was now up and running with a bookcase of material upstairs at John Martins. The next cultural series meeting in the fall will be in October. Oliver Kerr presented an outline of the forthcoming Bloomsday festivities and distributed some flyers prepared by Miami-Dade Public Libraries.

**Web site.** John Doherty encouraged the members to place as much information as possible on the web site so that members and others could be kept informed.

**Social.** Dave Russell reported that Bill O'Brien had scheduled the next social for Place St. Michel in the Gables for June 23 at 6:00 p.m. There was a discussion of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade on Key

Biscayne. It was noted that the rendezvous was to be by the Key Biscayne Yacht Club not St. Agnes Church as the church parking was not available on Sunday. Members were encouraged to pass through the toll booth before 8:30 A.M. to avoid heavy traffic on that day.

**Christmas Dinner and Show.** Dan Fitzgerald reported that he had been in contact with Vince Mitchell and was also reviewing the three Irish sopranos show. The first Thursday in December is the preferred date. Jim Cooney will chair the Committee. Mary Ann Fierro volunteered to help and she said that Judy Sherri and Pat and Carroll Kelly were also interested in helping.

**New Business.** There was a discussion of the status of the young Emerald group that might be formed. Oliver Kerr reported that the initial meeting was scheduled for Sunday, June 13 at 3:00 in John Martins and that a flyer was being distributed with the newsletter. It was to be an informal exploratory meeting to gauge interest in forming a group.

**Health and Welfare.** Mary Ann Fierro announced that Janice McKay's mother had passed away. She was going to send a card to the family of recently deceased member Bruce Myles.

**Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Oliver Kerr for Carroll Cameron