

Emerald Society
March 6, 2003
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Present were President Ed Cooke, First Vice President Michael O'Connor, Second Vice President John Wright, Secretary & Board member Carroll Cameron, Treasurer & Board Member David Russell, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Board members Bill O'Brien, Billy Cameron, Joe McManus, Chris Kelley; Jim Cooney; Mary Ann Fierro; Judi Sherry; and member Oliver Kerr. A quorum was established. The president led a salute to the flag of the United States

Order of Business

Five minutes were taken to read the minutes of the February which were amended and approved. The order of business was adopted.

President's Report (Ed Cooke)

The president presented a list of accomplishments which are attached to these minutes. The president also presented correspondence from himself asking for \$600 for the mistake he made in awarding one too many raffle prizes at the Christmas festival. The name drawn for the prize that had not been secured was the president's wife. Discussion was tabled in order to hear the reports of the Committees.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer's financial reports and proposed budgets are attached to these minutes.

Committee Reports

Nominations (Chris Kelley)

Kelley passed out ballots. All people on the slate were members of the Society and eligible to hold office.

Directive: O'Brien to contact Kelley before 11:00 AM on Friday, March 7 with additional names for Board slots.

Motion by C.Cameron to approve the slate with any additions and give Kelley authority to print and mail the slate to members by 11:00 AM on Friday, March 7. Second by Russell. **Motion passed.**

Discussion on when new officers take office. Historian noted that the date of transfer is March 17. President said the time was noon on the 17th of March.

St. Patrick's Festival (O'Conner)

The treasurer expressed concern about funding for the St. Patrick's activities. For the St. Patrick's festival, as of this date, the committee is over \$5,000 short of meeting expenses for the festival. Further, if we spend the amounts budgeted for all categories, we could lose \$5,000.

No arrangements had been made to block parking meters around the park to provide space for portable facilities. **Directive:** Cooney to call a Coral Gables contact to arrange to block meters 202-208.

O'Brien reported that Channel 7, WKAT, and columnist Bea Moss have offered free publicity.

Motion by B. Cameron to give John Kane a free \$85.00 ad in the festival book for his help in putting the book together. Second by Cooney. **Motion passed.**

Membership (Ed Cooke for Billy Cameron)

John Green, sponsored by E. Cooke, Sean Ellsworth, sponsored by E. Cooke, and James Maher, sponsored by B. O'Brien were accepted as new members.

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 PM Pub Crawl in Miami Springs (Hurricane Lounge) \$10.00

Saturday, March 15, 11:00AM St. Patrick's Festival, Hartnett Park, Coral Gables

Monday, March 17, Members are invited to Mike's at Plaza Venetia and John Martin's in Coral Gables for St. Patrick's festivities

Thursday, April 24, 6:30 PM Tuscany in Coconut Grove – park in municipal lot

May's social will be installation of officers

Directive:O'Brien to call Taurus to find out availability of Taurus for May's social.

President Cooke asked for a motion to adjourn. **Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM**

President Cooke asked for a motion to offer him \$600 for the mistake at the Christmas raffle. **Motion** made by Wright. Second by O'Connor. Objections by C. Cameron and Cooney that the meeting had been adjourned. Some board members had left the meeting. President declared the motion passed with 5 abstentions.

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
3/9/03	Celtic Cultural	John Martin's, Coral Gables actors on Abbey Theatre
3/10/03	Final Festival Committee Meeting	Jack Thompson's office in Coral Gables
3/12/03	Pub Crawl	Hurricane Lounge, Miami Springs
3/15/03	St. Patrick's Festival	Fred Hartnet Park, Coral Gables
4/24/03	Social	Tuscany, Coconut Grove
5/?/03	Social	Installation of Officers

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2003

January Directives

Directive: Russell to prepare a page for a procedure manual on the process for handling checks and requests for donations so that the Treasurer and other designated members of the Board have copies of all related materials.

February Directives

Directive: O'Brien and Fitzgerald to negotiate with Avalon for price and number of hours they will perform. Avalon agreed to \$1050 and to play from 4:45-6:00 PM.

Directive: Fitzgerald to insert penalties for failure of lead performers to show in all contracts.

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Carroll Cameron