

The South Florida Emerald Society
March 4, 2004
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were President Michael O'Connor, First Vice President, Tom Dunn; Second Vice President & Board Member, Bill O'Brien; Secretary & Board member Carroll Cameron; Treasurer & Board Member David Russell; Board members: Dan Fitzgerald, Billy Cameron, Mary Ann Fierro, Oliver Kerr, Ed Cooke, Joe McManus, and Jim Cooney and member John Doherty. John Cosgrove and Judy Sherry were excused. A quorum was established.

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Directive: B.Cameron to coordinate a social at Hooligans with O'Brien to announce Jay Love's candidacy for mayor of Miami-Dade County.

Directive: Cooke to write an article for the newsletter promoting activities for single adults who are members of the Society.

Secretary Report (C. Cameron)

The secretary's report was approved. Completed directives from previous meetings were stricken from the list.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports that are attached to the minutes.

Directive: Sherry to set up a system to collect member dues at the Emerald Booth at the St. Patrick's festival.

Motion: by Cooke to have incoming treasurer submit line item budgets at the beginning of each term. Second by Kerr. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports

Election Committee (C.Cameron, Russell, Cooney)

Ballots have been mailed to all active members. The deadline for return is March 10, 2004. A count will be presented to the outgoing president on March 17, 2004.

Membership Committee (John Doherty)

Membership cards have been printed & laminated. The membership log has been updated. New membership applications will ask potential members to choose a committee assignment.

Directive: C.L. Conroy & Fierro to develop a marketing brochure to increase membership.

The following were approved a new members.

New member	Sponsor	Status
Maria Rosa Higgon's Fallon	Marge Hartnett	Friend of Emeralds
Enid J. Miguez	Marge Hartnett	Friend of Emeralds
Pamela Toemmes	Marge Hartnett	Friend of Emeralds
Kathleen Day Vazquez	J. Sherry & M. Fierro	Active

Cultural Series (McManus)

The Cultural Series will take place the second Sunday of each month, unless that day conflicts with a major national or religious holiday. The next meeting of the Cultural Series will be Sunday, March 13, 2004 at John Martins. Presenter will be Brian Gillis "The Boston Irish – Both Saints and Sinners." May 16, 2004, Liz Weir, an Irish story teller from Dublin will be our guest speaker, courtesy of Oliver Kerr's contacts within the Coral Gables library. **Motion** by McManus to give Liz Weir a \$50.00 honorium for the May meeting. Second by Kerr. **Motion passed.** The rest of the cultural events before the summer hiatus revolve around James Joyce. Saturday, June 12, a

Bloomsday tea at the Coral Gables library. "Bloomesday for Dummies," with Oliver Kerr on Sunday, June 13. Wednesday, June 16, the Bloomesday Proclamation at 6:00 PM and a presentation at Books and Books, will be followed by a procession to John Martin's.

Website (Doherty)

Directive: Fierro and Kerr to send the Society's booklist and web-ready text on upcoming Emerald Society cultural events to Doherty to put on web site.

Directive: Doherty to add key word links to our site to increase the number of hits when interested parties are using search engines to find Irish events in South Florida. Suggested key words: Irish, Irish-American, Florida, Miami, Gaelic, Celtic.

Social Site (Bill O'Brien)

The March social will be Wednesday, March 10, 6:00 PM at the Hurricane Lounge in Miami Springs where we will meet for snacks prior to going on a pub crawl. Price is \$10.00 for the bus ride.

Directive: Sherry and Fierro to find the place and make arrangements for the installation of officers and induction of new members.

Motion by Fierro to have installation of officers on Wednesday, May 26 at the Parrot Jungle. Second by Kerr. **Motion passed.** **Motion** by Fierro to charge \$30.00 for tickets to the installation of officers. Second by Kerr. **Motion passed**

Directive: Fierro to confirm reservations with Parrot Jungle and have invitations printed for installation of officers.

Motion by Fierro to mail Cosgrove's door prize (gift certificate to John Martin's) to him. Second by Kerr. **Motion passed.**

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Joe Healey is recovering from knee surgery.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Announcement by Fierro the Irish Peace Foundation's conference on Peace in Ireland has been cancelled.

Motion by Cooke to recognize O'Connor's outstanding achievements as President. Second in form of standing ovation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 2004

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
3/6/04	Scottish Games	C. B. Smith Park 900 N. Flamingo Road , Pembroke Pines
3/10/04	Pub Crawl	Hurricane Bar, Miami Springs
3/13/04	St. Patrick's Festival	Hartnett/Ponce Circle Park
3/14/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Brian Gillis "The Boston Irish – Both Saints and Sinners."
3/17/04	St. Patrick's Day	Slainte!
4/1/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club

4/4/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Dan Fitzgerald – "The Emerald Society – 50 Years in Miami"
5//04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
5/16/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Liz Weir "Tales from the Emerald Isle"
5/26/04	Installation of Officers/Induction of New Members	Parrot Jungle
6/12/04	Bloomesday tea	Coral Gables library
6/13/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Bloomesday for Dummies
6/16/04	Bloomesday Proclamation 6:00 PM	Books & Books/John Martin's

December Directives

Directive: Dunn to take charge of a printed directory, approaching printers for competitive bids and present his findings at the next meeting.

January Directives

Directive: McManus to send C. Cameron protocol for the Cultural Series to be included in the procedures manual.

February Directives

Directive: Russell to purchase a Phone tree 2500 to replace the old Big Mouth system.

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