

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors Meeting
March 6, 2008
Miami Yacht Club

MINUTES

Call to Order:

Flag Salute: Billy Cameron

Present were: President David Russell, Second vice President, Oliver Kerr, Treasurer, John Doherty, Secretary, Patricia O'Regan Rios. Also present were Board members, Billy Cameron, Maryann Kerr, Dan Fitzgerald, Nabil Salem, Jon Lindeman, Chris Kelly, Joe McManus, Bill O'Brien, Patrick Novak, Jan Paris and members Mary Gerhardt, Barbara Mc Manus and Hugh Ryan.

Order of business:

Secretary's Report (Patricia O'Regan Rios)

February 7th Minutes, Directives were approved as amended

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

Final 2008 annual budget was submitted and approved.

\$10,000 will be moved from the checking account into a 7 month CD.

The Emeralds will pay \$1000 to take 2 full page ads in the St. Patrick's Festival Book.

Motion: M. Kerr

Seconded: C. Cameron

Total number of Emerald members established at 175

4 New members:

New Member	Sponsor	Status
Glen Alan Ringer	John Doherty	Subject to payment
James Gookin	John Doherty	Paid
Erin Ashley	John Doherty	Subject to payment
Charles J. Daley	Paul Reilly	Paid

Committee Reports:

Social Sites: (Bill O'Brien & Nabel Y. Salem)

There will be no Social in March.

Next Social will be Thursday, April 25th (time & place to be announced)

Social Committee will try and keep a three month running calendar up on the website to keep members informed of forthcoming Socials.

Christmas in Ireland: (Patrick Novak, Nabil Y. Salem & Mary Gerhardt)

Place: Rusty Pelican

Date: Thursday, December 11, 2008

More details will be presented at next meeting.

Membership: (Mary Gerhardt, Billy & Carroll Cameron)

Future initial application fee will be \$50 instead of \$88. New members will receive an Emerald pin, but no shirt. Shirts can be bought and paid for separately. To help increase membership all members should have applications on hand. Since \$88 is stated in the booklet a “special” will be offered at the Festival of \$50 instead of \$88

Motion: J. McManus

Seconded: O. Kerr

Website & Big Mouth: (J. Doherty)

Big Mouth is getting better utilization.

E-mail will be sent reminding members that annual dues are now due.

Voting will continue on line as it is more cost effective and more responsive.

Shamrock News/Communications (O. & M. Kerr)

Festival:

Saturday 3/13/08

Elections: 2008 Officers

President	Oliver Kerr
First Vice President	Jon Lindeman
Second vice President	Janice McKay
Secretary	Hugh Ryan
Treasurer	John Doherty

Health and Welfare:

Thank you cards were received from the Jesuits for the Emeralds donation to them in memory of Fr. Bill Kidwell, and also from the Sisters of St. Joseph in memory of Louise Owens.

Sympathy card sent to Jim Cooney on the death of his brother, Matthew Cooney.

A Sympathy card was also sent to David Heffernan on the death of his father, David Heffernan, Sr.

Congratulations to Maureen Gerhardt a student at St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, and the daughter of members Mary and Dave Gerhard. Maureen received 3rd PLACE in the Miami Herald's Annual Spelling Bee contest which covers Miami Dade and Monroe counties. This is also the first time St. Rose of Lima school has had a winner!

Respectfully submitted
Patricia O'Regan Rios

Directives

Directive: Open a 7 month CD

Directive: Application forms to all members