

The South Florida Emerald Society
May 6, 2004
Miami Yacht Club
Minutes

Call to Order

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

Order of Business

The order of business was adopted.

Secretary Report (C. Cameron)

The secretary's report and directives were waived.

Treasurer's Report (D. Russell)

The treasurer presented several detailed reports that are attached to the minutes. Doherty has sent reminders to members who have not paid the 2004 dues.

The questions from the U.S. Department of the Treasury concerning the society's application for 501(c) 7 status have been answered. The completed forms will be mailed next week.

Directive: Russell to close Total Bank account. Account will be at Colonial Bank which will not charge service fees.

Motion by McManus to recess. Second by Fitzgerald. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting reconvened at 7:25.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee (John Doherty)

The following were approved a new members.

New member	Sponsor	Status
James M. Walsh	John Doherty	Active
Paul Riley	Dan Fitzgerald	Active

Motion by Russell to offer Carroll Kelly's mother and James Walsh's son \$10.00 dependent membership. Second by Sherry. **Motion Passed.**

Directive: Doherty to have membership committee pursue telephone contact of members who have not renewed.

Website (Doherty)

The website is getting more hits, and Doherty is working with Robin Burr (webmaster) to keep the site current. **Directive:** McManus to send Doherty information on the cultural series to be put on website.

Directive: Dunn to send Doherty notices of Irish-related events so the website calendar can be kept current.

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, May 16, 2004, 4:00 P.M. at John Martins. Liz Weir, an Irish story teller from Dublin will be guest speaker, courtesy of Oliver Kerr's contact within the Coral Gables library,

Raymond Santiago. A \$50.00 honorarium for the storyteller was approved at the March meeting. Saturday, June 12 will be a Bloomsday tea at the Coral Gables library. "Bloomsday for Dummies," with Oliver Kerr on Sunday, June 13, 4:00 P.M. at John Martin's for the cultural series. Wednesday, June 16, the Bloomsday Proclamation at 6:00 PM and a presentation at Books and Books will be followed by a procession to John Martin's.

Big Mouth (Dave Russell)

Directive: Russell and Doherty to meet with Bill Hartnett about Hartnett's offer to allow the Emerald Society to use the Big Mouth already purchased by Hartnett. Dunn to set up appointment.

Social Site (Judy Sherry)

The May social will be installation of officers on Wednesday, May 26, 6:00 PM at the Parrot Jungle on Miami Beach.

Directive: Sherry to send emails through the website reminding people to send checks for \$35.00 to Sherry's address, not the PO Box.

Directive: Kerr and Fierro to notice installation of officers in newsletter.

Directive: Doherty to call new members to invite them to be pinned at installation.

NEW BUSINESS

Outstanding Bills: Motion by C. Cameron to pay Willard Graphics for printing upon receipt of the bill. **Motion passed.** One abstention.

Christmas Party: Directive: Kerr and Fierro to publish a call for committee members in the newsletter.

Directive: Board members to personally contact members who may be interested in serving on the committee.

Directive: Fitzgerald to contact an agent about available entertainment.

Directive: Dunn to begin search among members and corporations for a grand prize.

Independence Day: Motion by Kane to approve a budget of \$350 for food, drinks, and favors for children. Second by Sherry. **Motion passed.**

Directive: B. Cameron and C. Cameron to head Independence Day committee and manage purchases.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Former member Judge Francis Christy and member Pat Clancy have passed away.

Frank Kovacs, long time friend and caregiver for Emerald Nick Valeriani, has had a heart attack. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Emeralds.

Two members have had recent deaths of family members. Deborah Thornton Hasty has lost her father, John? Sparky Thornton. Jon Lindeman recently lost his wife Noel Lindeman.

Directive: Fierro to send appropriate cards from the Emerald Society for members who have been ill or have passed away.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.
NEXT MEETING WILL BE THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2004

Calendar

Date	Event	Place
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
6/3/04	Board Meeting	Miami Yacht Club
6/12/04	Bloomsday tea	Coral Gables library
6/13/04	Cultural Series	John Martin's/Bloomsday for Dummies
6/16/04	Bloomsday Proclamation 6:00 PM	Books & Books/John Martin's

Carroll Cameron