

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, May 1, 2008 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:50 PM

In Attendance: President Oliver Kerr, Jon Lindeman, 1st V.P., Janice McKay, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Immediate Past President David Russell, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Judi Sherry, Bill O'Brien, Nabil Salem, Thomas Lynch, Sean Ferrell. Also in attendance were members: Carroll Cameron, Billy Cameron, and Mary Ann Kerr

Excused absences: Jan Paris, Bella Kelly, Patrick Novak

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: Oliver Kerr (for Hugh Ryan)

Minutes of April Meeting were reviewed

Corrections: Bob Meyer **not** the Editor of Shamrock News

Joe and Barbara McManus are the Editors of the Shamrock News

Correction noted and Motion to approve minutes was carried.

Treasurer's Report: John Doherty

Financial Reports submitted for review

Presented to Board by J. Doherty

See attached

"Christmas in Ireland" Dinner

Rusty Pelican Restaurant requires \$1000 up front, then the balance after the event

The "Dublin City Ramblers" band contract is \$5000, ½ of that due by June 16th

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report is carried

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: Nabil Salem

Installation Dinner will be the May Social, Wednesday, May 21 6:30PM at Jungle Island.

Upcoming Socials: June 26th, Miami Yacht Club, July 24th, Novecento, Brickell

Directive: Mary Ann Kerr to look into a Social at the home of longtime member Maurice Grondin. Talk to him and his family.

Directive: Nabil Salem to look into why we ran out of food at the last social

Installation Dinner: Janice McKay

May 21, 2008, Jungle Island, Jacaranda Room
Reservation with Mary Ann Kerr
Greeter at Event will be Sean Glynn
Master of Ceremonies will be Dan Fitzgerald
Swearing in Officers will be Mayor Don Slesnick

Christmas in Ireland: Nabil Salem

Need to confirm with Dublin City Ramblers band
By June, Committee will have schedule and silent auction finalized

Directive: John Doherty: We need to contact 15 new members to help out with dinner.

Membership: Carroll Cameron

Presents the list of SFES Members delinquent in membership dues.

Directive: John Doherty: Any Board Member on this list is disallowed to board meetings until fully paid membership is received.

Motion by Mary Gerhardt to waive John Hourihan's membership dues due to illness. Seconded by Mary Ann Kerr. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Discussion of E-mail Uses and Abuses on Emerald Website

Motion by Nabil Salem to stop the facility of the SFES e-mail list by immediately shutting it down, then directing John Doherty report to Directors with recommendations on changes in the system. Seconded by David Russell. Motion passed

Motion by Nabil Salem for all e-mails directed to the SFES to go through an Administrator and to be copied to the President. Seconded by David Russell.
Motion Passed.

Directive: Carroll Cameron: this action should be announced in the next newsletter.

Janice McKay wanted this statement on the record of the minutes, "I was deeply offended by Bob's Actions. He abused the privileges of the e-mail"

Cultural Series: Pres. Oliver Kerr

Sunday May, 4th Author Seamus Heaney will be at JohnMartin's in Coral Gables.

Health & Welfare:

Directive: Send a sympathy card to the family of Arthur Hill, send Get Well cards to John Hourihan, Gary Tomeny (heart by-pass), Peter O'Connell (prostrate cancer), & Michael O'Connor.

Received greeting card from Ann McShane in Ireland.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:30 PM

Next Board Meeting June 5th, 2008, 6:30 PM at Miami Yacht Club

Respectfully Submitted

Hugh A. Ryan