

# The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting  
*Miami Yacht Club*  
Thursday, November 8, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

Members Present: Hugh Ryan, Don Harrington, Jr, Sean Hayes, Kassie Doyle, John Doherty, Dan Fitzgerald, Chris Kelley, Pat Duffy, Sean Hayes, Mary Gerhardt, Sean Ferrell, Joe McManus, Bill O'Brien, Paul Reilly, Judi Tierney Sherry, Don Slesnik III, Noel McManus Stillings, Richard Welch

Excused Members: Chuck Daley, Dave Russell

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome any guests: Clodagh Michael, Charlie Davis, Barbara McManus

### Order of Business:

President's Report: (Hugh Ryan) For the Good of the Order

Secretary's Report: (Kassie Doyle)

- Minutes of October Board meeting. J. McManus moves to approve October minutes. Second by D. Fitzgerald. Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report: (John Doherty)

- We are part of BB&T family now
- Treasurer's Report reviewed. Current combined account balance as of Nov. 1, 2012 = \$35,038.48. C. Kelley motion to approve budget. 2<sup>nd</sup> by S. Hayes.
- Committee Chairs: John needs your proposed budget for 2013 year before end of year.

### Committee Reports:

Christmas In Ireland (K. Doyle) – Update- Final

- Alcohol License complete – thank you Meghan Knol and John Doherty!
- Sponsors & Raffle Prize Donations
  - o Thank you Joe & Barbara McManus for donating a \$50 gift certificate for Mike's at the Venetian (Irish Pub) for a Raffle Prize!!
  - o No one has sponsored Breffni Dancers
  - o Raffle Prizes
    - St. Patrick's Day Weekend in Savannah GA
    - Staycation at Conrad Hilton Miami
    - Basket – Mary Gerhardt
    - \$100 gift certificate to Joe's Stonecrab – Judi Tierney Sherry
    - \$50 Gift certificate Mike's at the Venetian Irish Pub - Joe & Barbara McManus

- Bottle of Bushmills – Paul Reilly
- Case of Home Brewed Beer – Hugh
- Sports package: Baseball tickets from Hugh Ryan & Heat Tickets from Chris Kelley
  - Silent auction
- Carpooling – can someone organize?
- Still need to do:
  - Centerpieces (we have 12 from 2 years ago)
  - Leon’s Liquors
  - Get bartenders
  - More Raffle Prizes and Sponsors
- J. Doherty: We only have \$150 in raffles to date coming in from Christmas. Where’s the money? There may not be enough cash flow to cover the cost of band, venue, etc. that are going to come due in the next month.
- Motion by S. Hayes to cash in CD to enable cash flow to support Christmas. J. Sherry moves to amend to wait until November 20. J. Sherry’s motion withdrawn. Motion amended to cash in CD to enable case flow at Treasurer’s discretion. Second by J. McManus.

St. Patrick’s Festival-Liaison update (K. Doyle) - Guest Charlie Davis (St. Pat’s Festival Chair) & H. Ryan

Socials- (Paul Reilly)

- Thursday, Nov. 29 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at John Martin’s

Membership –(H. Ryan & C. Kelley)-new members

- Comprehensive membership plan tabled until next month
  - 3 point plan: Marketing, Maintenance, & Administration of Members
- New Members
  - Kimberly O’Brien – Sponsor is Clodagh Michael
  - David Higgins – Sponsor is Paul Reilly
  - Michael Lally – Sponsor is Bob Lally
- J. McManus moves to accept three proposed new members. Second by B. O’Brien. Motion carries.

Celtic Cultural Series- (Phil Morrissey)

- End of October – Economic History of Ireland

Jr. Orange Bowl Parade- (Don Slesnick III)

- Emeralds are in the Parade for Free – Fee waived
- Hoping to have St. Andrews pipers walking with the Emeralds
- We want as many people as possible to march in the Parade – Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.
- Want at least 25 people to walk in parade

Installation Dinner-(Judi Tierney Sherry) – no news to report

Website and Big Mouth –(J. Doherty)

*Shamrock News* –(Joe & Barbara McManus)

- Working on next Newsletter. Should come out Saturday sometime.

Health & Welfare-(M.A. Kerr)

- Dan Dolan, longtime member of the Emeralds, passed away. He was the chairman of the First St. Patrick's Day parade when the Emeralds painted a green stripe down Flagler Street. He will be missed.

## Unfinished Business

## New Business

- Fighting Irish of Notre Dame is undefeated
- Nominating Committee
  - o Chair is Chris Kelley. Mary Gerhardt and Judi Tierney Sherry to be on committee with him. Dan will be the fearless leader in spirit and heart.
  - o Typically ballots go out in early February and must be returned late February.

## Good of the Order/ Adjournment

Next meeting: December 6, 2012-6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club