

# The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

## Board of Directors' Meeting

### *Miami Yacht Club*

Thursday, September 6, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

## Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present: Hugh Ryan, Donald F. Harrington, Jr., Sean Hayes, John Doherty, Kassie Doyle, Chris Kelley, Don Slesnick III, Bill O'Brien, Jr., Mary Gerhardt, Charles Daley, Patrick Duffy, Paul Reilly, Judi Tierney Sherry, Sean Ferrell, Joe McManus, Noel McManus Stillings, Richard Welch

Excused Absences: Dave Russell, Phil Morrissey, Dan Fitzgerald

Welcome any guests: Barbara McManus, Billy Cameron, Meghan Knol

### Order of Business:

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

- Marge Hartnett passed –
  - o In her obituary: She requested all persons do something kind for a person in need
  - o We should put something nice in the St. Patrick's Day book for her – a page in memoriam
  - o Motion: Emeralds to sponsors the Pipers at Christmas in Ireland in memoriam of Marge Hartnett
    - Motion by Chris Kelley. Second by Joe McManus. Motion passes.
    - Discussion:
      - Don Slesnick III – possibly sponsoring something at Orange Bowl Parade in Marge Hartnett'sss memoriam
      - J. Sherry: St. Patrick's Day Festival is held at Hartnett Park – Marge's former husband. Perhaps we should contribute something in Marge's name to city of Coral Gables?
  - o President Hugh Ryan appointed a committee to be headed by Judi Sherry in Memoriam of Marge Hartnett. Committee to determine future plan in memoriam of Marge Hartnett
- Emerald Facebook page
- Emerald Diamond Anniversary? – Emeralds have been around for 60 years! We need to fact check , but if this is true we should celebrate it as a group as a whole
- We hope everyone had a great summer!

**Secretary's Report:** (Kassie Doyle)

Minutes of July Board meeting – Moved by S. Ferrell. Second by P Duffy. Motion passes.

**Treasurer's Report:** (John Doherty)

- Banking account as of prior to today's meeting: \$5,272.99; CD \$32,291.39. For other expenses and income please reference Treasurer's Report.
- J. McManus: Motion to roll over CD for the next year at the best possible rate. Second by C. Daley. Discussion held whether we are liquid enough to pass Christmas in Ireland, and it is confirmed that it is. Motion to rollover CD renewed by C. Kelley. Second by J. McManus. Motion passes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Christmas In Ireland (Kassie Doyle)** – September update on planning

- o So far we are under Budget
- o Christmas Event is imagined to be separate and apart from Raffle ticket
- o Venue, food, and band booked
- o WE NEED SPONSORS!!!!!!! Anything the Board can do to help us move forward.
- o Alcohol insurance: application has been made
- o If Christmas makes any revenue, we will want to keep some for next year to cushion next year's Christmas in Ireland
- Christmas RAFFLE:
  - o RAFFLE Grand Prize = Weekend in Savannah!!!
  - o Tickets will be \$10 each or \$50 for book of 6
  - o Hugh Ryan to donate 2 tickets to Marlins game to be donated
  - o Chris Kelley to donate 2 tickets to Heat
  - o Judi Sherry volunteered to donate \$100 gift certificate to Joe's Stonecrab as a raffle prize

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**-Key Biscayne- Nothing to report

**Social** –(Paul Reilly)

- 1/2 way to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl- Sept. 14th- (M. Gerhardt)
  - o 15 seats to sell on second bus
  - o 43 seats sold so far
  - o Food so far is not confirmed.
  - o To start at Elks at 500; Leave Elks at 650; Return to Elks at 12:00 midnight
  - o H. Ryan to advertise on Emerald FB page

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

- New members - One possible new member received – no check received
  - o Kathryn "Kate" Swain (sponsor: S. Hayes: Teacher in Coral Gables, Jr Orange Bowl Committee; wants to be on social committee
    - Motion to pass: Chris Kelley. Second by: Mary Gerhardt. Motion passes. Ms. Swain accepted as a member
- Marlins game was a success! Thank you all for attending. Membership wants to plan a second game! Other possible ideas = football game UM or Dolphins)
- M Gerhardt: We should get members from Broward County who would be interested in joining the Emeralds. There is a lot of interest in Broward county.

- Don Slesnick III – What is the benefit of being an Emerald?
- Pat Duffy: Applicants should not be approved based on checks received alone
- Meghan Knol: I am the newest member in the room. I felt unwelcome joining because I sent an application in and did not receive a response. If not for my sponsor pushing me through and encouraging me to join, I would not be here.
- Membership committee to review old member applications and to revise into a new application

**Website and Big Mouth**–(J. Doherty) – no report (other than Treasurer’s report)

*Shamrock News* –(Joe & Barbara McManus)

- Currently looking at 6MB for next month’s issue
- Download versus click. John Doherty will get it out via PDF
- Suggestion: Maybe Membership committee should profile a member once a month.

**Health & Welfare**–(M.A. Kerr) – Not present

- Dan Fitzgerald sounds well. Hugh Ryan talked to him. He is still not 100%
- Dave Russell have been in hospital twice for 5-6 days each in the last few months. He is suffering from extremely low blood pressure.
- Tom Flynn’s diagnosis cannot be pinpointed 100%. He is still not feeling well.

**Unfinished Business** – none

**New Business** – none

**Good of the Order/ Adjournment**

- Motion to Adjourn by C. Kelley. Second by D. Harrington.

Next meeting: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012-6:30 PM Miami Yacht Club