

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

**Board of Directors' Meeting
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, June 3, 2010 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Meeting called to order at 6:51PM

In Attendance: Janice McKay, President, Jeff Bailey, 1st V.P., Judi Tierney Sherry, 2nd V.P., John Doherty, Treasurer, Hugh A. Ryan, Secretary, Dan Fitzgerald, Historian
Directors: Erin Ashley, Sean Ferrell, Mary Gerhardt, Bill O'Brien, Oliver Kerr, Joe McManus.

Guests: Barbara McManus
Excused absences: Christopher Kelly, Patrick Novak, Chuck Daley, Mary Ann Kerr

Order of Business:

President's Report: J. McKay- I'd like for all committee reports to come to me before Board meeting so that I can review them

Secretary's Report: H.A. Ryan-
May 2010 Minutes for Review
Correction by McManus noted
Motion by Bailey to approve May 2010 Minutes
2nd by McManus
Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: sent by J. Doherty
See attached report. All balances
Motion by McManus to authorize the Treasurer to put \$3000 from checking into a renewable CD at best possible rate
2nd by Gerhardt
Motion Carried

Motion by Bailey to approve Treasurer's Report
2nd by Sherry
Motion carried

Committee Reports:

Christmas in Ireland- E. Ashley

Itinerary-
Friday-12/10/10-Colonnade Hotel-Coral Gables until 12 midnight
Entertainment- "Fire in the Kitchen"

Thanks to J. Bailey for his help in the entire planning of the event

Raffle Prizes- possibly a trip to Ireland

H. Ryan- I'll donate a case of homebrew stout for the raffle.

O. Kerr- we need to get board members to donate items for the raffle.

Motion by Bailey to encourage all board members to support the Christmas in Ireland raffle with gifts or prizes worth up \$100.

2nd by Sherry

Motion Carried

Installation Dinner- J. Tierney Sherry-

We had 66 attendees, it was a great night.

McManus- Thank you to J. Sherry for organizing the event and the \$300 profit

Social Committee- Mary Gerhardt for Paul Reilly-

Upcoming Socials:

June 24th- Fritz & Franz- Coral Gables

July- 4th of July Parade- Key Biscayne

August- uncertain

September- ½ way to St. Paddy's Day Pub Crawl

Gerhardt- “½ way to St. Paddy’s Day Pub Crawl” is being planned for Sept. 17th with 3 buses, \$25 per person. Two or three stops this year, maybe the Playwright, Quinn’s, maybe Waxy’s

4th of July Parade- J. McKay

The fourth of July is on a Sunday this year so we can’t use the St. Agnes parking lot. We need to contact people to arrange for the parking on Key Biscayne.

D. Fitzgerald- In the parade, we should co-ordinate marching in line with the St. Andrew’s Pipe band.

Membership Committee: J. Doherty for S. Glynn

J. McKay- S. Glynn has resigned as membership chairman

J. Doherty- we have 58 past due members. I’ve sent Big Mouth reminders.

Motion by B. O’Brien to give Peter O’Connell an honorary membership.
2nd by Sherry

Motion carried

Nominated members:

Jonathan Dunleavy- Miami- sponsored by B. O’Brien
Luis Gonzalez-Coral Gables- sponsored by J. Bailey
Jake Jacobsen- Miami- sponsored by J. Bailey
Gurneet Virdi- Miami- sponsored by J. Bailey
Lauren Coll- Coral Gables- sponsored by Marge Hartnett
Rebecca Rodriguez- Homestead- sponsored by Paul Reilly

Motion by J. Doherty to accept all nominated members pending payment
2nd by J. Bailey

Discussion

Motion fails

Motion by B. O’Brien to approve membership for Coll, Dunleavy & Rodriguez
2nd by D. Fitzgerald

Motion carried

E. Ashley- we need to give pins to the new members at the next meeting & next social

J. Bailey- I’ll do that at Fritz & Franz on June 24th.

Website/Bigmouth – J. Doherty-

We need to utilize both website & bigmouth more. All committees should use these for better communication with the members.

Shamrock News- B. McManus

We need pictures for the next issue.

J. McManus- I'll send out the next issue in late June in order to promote the fourth of July parade on Key Biscayne.

New Business-

O. Kerr- This past week the Gaelic Mass commemorating the Great Famine in the 1840's was held in Hollywood. Bishop John Noonan celebrated the Mass in both English and Irish.

O. Kerr- we are establishing close ties with other Irish cultural groups in South Florida.

D. Fitzgerald- I am proud of the press that O. Kerr & the SFES received from this.

J. McKay- I am establishing a by-laws committee with J. Bailey as the chair.

J. McKay- we also need to establish a nominating committee.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:11PM

Next Board Meeting July 1, 2010, 6:30PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**