

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Miami Yacht Club

Thursday, November 12, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:23PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Janice McKay, 1st V.P., Jon Lindeman, 2nd V.P., John P. Doherty, Treasurer, Dan Fitzgerald, Historian, Hugh A. Ryan, Secretary
Directors: Erin Ashley, Sean Ferrell, Bill O'Brien, David Russell and Chuck Daley. Also in attendance were members: Mary Ann Kerr, Edward Cooke, and Richard Welch.

Excused absences: Jeff Bailey, Christopher Kelley, Joe McManus and Sean Glynn.

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: H.A. Ryan-

Motion by Fitzgerald to approve October Minutes with Corrections

2nd by Doherty

Motion carried

Doherty- Secretary needs to send all of the past corrected minutes to the web master so they can all be posted on the Emerald website.

Motion by Doherty for the Sitting Secretary to amend the tabled June minutes into the proper form and then distributed to the board for review.

2nd by Fitzgerald

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

See attached report.

Motion by McKay to approve Treasurer's Report

2nd by Daley

Motion carried

Doherty- There are new banking rules with our bank, Bank Atlantic, regarding NSF checks written to the SFES and their re-submittal & associated fees.

Doherty- Quicken Accounting Software is up for renewal in 2010.
IRS literature regarding the new rules for non-profit groups has been sent. All board members should be familiar with these changes.

Committee Reports:

Christmas in Ireland- E. Ashley

As of today:

\$1020 in raffle tickets sold.

42 confirmed reservation for the event

The buffet dinner is set, All entertainment is arranged: The Irish fiddlers for happy hour, the Breffni Dancers, & the main event, the Dublin City Ramblers.

We are sending out announcement & reminder e-mails, “Big Mouth” messages & “linked-in” notices. We may do an announcement in the Miami Herald “Neighbors” section. John Kane & C.L. Conroy will do a press release.

O’Brien- I’ll take the invite to the Propeller Club. Other groups like that would be a good idea to share the invitation.

Directive- for the Christmas in Ireland Committee to contact all of last year’s attendees to encourage attendance.

Social Committee: B. O’Brien-

Upcoming Socials:

November 22nd Sunday– Maurice Grondin’s Residence- South Miami Avenue
Possibly steaks & potluck dinner. Side dishes recommended

December- Christmas in Ireland

January 2010- TBD possibly one of the new Irish Pubs in downtown Miami

Daley- I recommend in the future a social at Scully’s Tavern on Sunset Drive.

Ashley- I recommend Brickell Irish Pub.

Doherty- We need to try the different hotspots to attract a younger demographic.

Membership Committee: J. Lindeman for S. Glynn

New members for vote-

- Grace Wright- sponsored by John A. Wright
- Peg Kinsman- sponsored by Mary Ann Kerr
- Melissa O'Rourke- sponsored by Erin Ashley
- Anna-Louise Owens- sponsored by Bill Owens
- Norman Kelleher- sponsored by Sean Glynn
- Kevin Fitzmorris- sponsored by Bill O'Brien
- Thomas Sieber- sponsored by Tom Flynn

Motion to accept by D. Fitzgerald

2nd by J. McKay

Motion carried.

Membership for John Clarke has been tabled until next meeting.

J. Lindeman- S.Glynn has three new appointees, increasing the membership committee to 10 members.

Committee Update-we are contacting prospects through e-mails & have ordered new membership cards

Website/Big Mouth- J. Doherty

Both have been utilized for socials & the Christmas in Ireland dinner.

Health & Welfare- M.A. Kerr

-No Report-

New Business- O. Kerr

Past President Edward Cooke proposes "Presidents Council"

E. Cooke- Our idea would be to organize all past Presidents of the Emerald Society once a year to use their experience, knowledge & enthusiasm to help the Society achieve three goals.

1. To get members to attend at least one Celtic Cultural Event per year
2. To get members to attend at least one Board Meeting per year.
3. To get members to attend the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Other ideas: The past Presidents would call all lapsed Emeralds and encourage them to rejoin.

This group would strictly be support for the current board of directors and the mission of the Emerald Society. It would not interfere with current committees.

Directive- by O. Kerr to E. Cooke to organize the idea so it can be sent to the membership for review & discussed further at the next board meeting.

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:45 PM

Next Board Meeting December 10, 2009, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**