

**The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.**

**Board of Directors' Meeting**

**Miami Yacht Club**

**Thursday, October 1, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:13PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Janice McKay, 1st V.P., Jon Lindeman, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John P. Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Directors: Erin Ashley, Sean Ferrell, Judi Sherry, Bill O'Brien, Joe McManus, Christopher Kelley, Sean Glynn, and Chuck Daley. Also in attendance were members: Mary Ann Kerr and Barbara McManus.

Excused absences: Jeff Bailey and Mary Gerhardt.

**Order of Business:**

**Secretary's Report:** O. Kerr-

J. McKay took minutes at the September meeting.

J. Doherty- there are too many unexcused absences for board members.

**Motion** to approve minutes by McManus

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Fitzgerald

**Motion Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Doherty

See attached report.

**Motion** by C. Kelley to roll over discussed CD at the Treasurer's discretion in order to obtain the most advantageous rate.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Fitzgerald

**Motion carried**

**Motion** by Kelley to approve Treasurer's Report

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by McManus

**Motion carried**

**Committee Reports:**

**Christmas in Ireland-** E. Ashley

As of today: Dublin City Ramblers are booked, Rusty Pelican is booked, there are 2000 raffle tickets being printed

There is a new available prize: Ann McShane is giving a helicopter trip through the Grand Canyon.

In October I'd like to do both Big Mouth and e-mail "blasts" to advertise the event.

C.L. Conroy will provide a press release for the event with the help of John Kane

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**Social Committee:** B. O'Brien-

Upcoming Socials:

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Joe Healey's Hurricane Bar & Grill, Miami Springs

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** - Maurice Grondin's Residence- South Miami Avenue  
Possibly steaks & potluck dinner

**December**- Christmas in Ireland

**January 2010**- TBD

O. Kerr- M. Gerhardt organized the "½ way to St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl" in September. It was a great event with over 60 Emeralds & friends enjoying the festivities at the Irish Pubs of Miami Beach. Thank you also to S. Ferrell for the hospitality & service at the Miami Yacht Club before and after the "crawl".  
Thanks also to Pat Novak for helping provide to UM buses for safe transportation.

J. McManus- Mary Gerhardt did a great job with the event. Thanks to her.

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**Membership Committee:** S. Glynn

Carroll Cameron is helping out with the transition of S. Glynn taking over the chairmanship of this committee.

Committee members: S. Glynn, J. Lindeman, C. Cameron, Jeff Killian, Sylvia Breton

New members for vote-

- Sandy Grubbs- Miami- sponsored by J. McKay, Jan Paris, M.A. Kerr
- Kathleen "Katie" O'Connor Schultz- Miami- sponsored by S. Glynn

- Sylvia Breton- Miami- sponsored by S. Glynn
- Louise Sekman- Miami- sponsored by S. Glynn
- Mary “Katy” Boyle- Perrine- sponsored by Patricia Villacorta

**Motion** to accept by J. McManus

**2<sup>nd</sup>** by Fitzgerald

**Motion carried.**

S. Glynn- we are getting quotes for new Emerald Polo shirts. The committee wants to get Emerald Society Polo shirts back into the membership.

We would also like to be in closer contact with new members and welcome them into the society, possibly with invitations to socials, etc.

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**Website/Big Mouth-** J. Doherty

**Website-** very soon- Emerald Roster will be updated with new members

There has been a glitch on the website membership form, we are dealing with this

**Big Mouth-**the “½ way to St. Patrick’s Day Pub Crawl” and Celtic Cultural Series announcements were both very successful

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**Shamrock News-** J. McManus

The next edition will be sent out this Saturday.

There will be pictures from the “pub crawl”

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**Health & Welfare-** M.A. Kerr

Carol Kelly said “thank you” for the sympathy card for the passing of her mother, Emerald Pat Kelly.

We have sent a get well card for Peter O’Connell.

Thank you to S. Glynn, M. Gerhardt & H. Ryan for their part in putting on the “1/2 way to St. Patrick’s Day pub crawl.”

**Good of the Order/Adjournment**

**Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:14 PM**

**Next Board Meeting November 5, 2009, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Hugh A. Ryan**

