

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, January 8, 2015

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance – Historian Dan Fitzgerald
Meeting called to order at 6:54 pm by Pres. Don Harrington

In Attendance: President, Don Harrington; 2nd VP, Sean Ferrell; Treasurer, John Doherty, Historian, Dan Fitzgerald, and Past President, Hugh Ryan. Directors: Noel McManus Stillings, Judi Tierney Sherry, Johni Hardiman, Joe McManus, Sean Glynn, Chris Kelley and Blair Brogan

Guests: David Donnelly and Barbara McManus

Excused absences: Kassie Doyle, Bill O'Brien, Richard Welch and Ann Eustace

Unexcused absences: None

Proxies: Richard Welch to Hugh Ryan; Kassie Doyle and Ann Eustace to Judi Tierney Sherry

Order of Business:

Good of the Order: – Pres. Harrington welcomed everyone and emphasized: “Membership, Membership, Membership”

Secretary's Report: - J. Hardiman = will amend Dec. meeting minutes to reflect J. McManus as excused. Motion by S. Ferrell, seconded by C. Kelley, to accept the Minutes of the December, 2014 Board Meeting. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: - J. Doherty = see attached

Motion by D. Fitzgerald, seconded C. Kelley, to approve the Treasurer Report. **Motion carried.**

J. Doherty reported the status of the 2015 Budget. Discussion. Possibility of eliminating the Installation Dinner due to 2015 budget concerns. J.T. Sherry will check with Jungle Island (under new management) and H. Ryan will check with Duffy's. Another possibility is Elks Club in S. Miami. Further discussion and vote of the 2015 Budget tabled until the Feb. 4 Board Meeting

Committee Reports:

Social = H. Ryan reported the next social will be the Irish Stew Cook-off on Sat., Jan. 24 at the MYC, hosted by the Membership Committee. The Feb. social will possibly be at the Irish Times on Feb. 21 during the So Miami Art Show.

Membership = Sean Glynn (see attached report) Displayed flyer for Irish Stew event; J. Doherty requests an Invoice from the Miami Yacht Club; S. Glynn reported the Membership Dues renewal letters will be sent soon by J. Doherty; discussion of Membership Cards and discounts; possible family membership category; King Mango Strut a success and will hopefully bring in new members,

no applicants this month; J. Doherty advised there were 19 new members in 2014 and 11 members did not renew; J. Doherty also reported e-blasts and big mouth were utilized for Mango Strut, St Pat's Festival and Erin Ashley; discussion of the whereabouts of SFES banner = R. Welch is our Quarter Master; motion by J.T. Sherry, seconded by S. Glynn, to purchase new SFES banner. **Motion carried.** S. Glynn will handle.

4th of July Parade = No report.

Installation Dinner = JT Sherry (see above)

Pub Crawl = None this year.

Christmas in Ireland Dinner = H. Ryan reported there were 54 attendees.

Public Relations = N. Stillings reported that she will post photos on the SFES website of the King Mango Strut.

Newsletter = J. McManus reported the Jan. Newsletter will be distributed this Sat.

Website Committee/Big Mouth = (see above)

Celtic Cultural = J. McManus requests a \$200 budget increase; will join with Membership Committee hosting Children's Story time, etc. with Rachel

By-Laws = S. Ferrell reported completed and just needs it typed; C. Kelley volunteered Stephanie to type.

Health & Welfare = D. Fitzgerald reported that Bob Meyers is recuperating well from a recent heart attack and that Billy Cameron is continuing chemo treatments.

T-Shirts = S. Ferrell and J. Hardiman asked for orders.

Audit = C. Kelley volunteered to audit the past two years.

Old Business = Pres. Harrington announced his selection of David Donnelly as a 2 year Director and Mark Donnelly as 3 year Director to the Board.

New Business = D. Fitzgerald presented his Historian position resignation; after discussion, Dan agreed to continue this position until the new 2015 Board is elected; Pres. Harrington designated D. Fitzgerald as Chairman of the Nomination Committee, with H. Ryan, C. Kelly and JT Sherry as members. They will meet ASAP and bring a slate to the Feb. Board Meeting.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Thurs, Feb. 5, 2014 6:30 pm, at the Miami Yacht Club. (BOARD PHOTO)

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by J. Hardiman, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Tierney Sherry