



**Shamrock Club of Columbus**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**October 2, 2022**

**Attendance: 47**

**Quorum = 45**

**Meeting called to order:** 2:20 pm EST; 7:20 pm Dublin, Ireland

**Opening Prayer:** Monsignor John Kelly Cody

**Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem:** Karen Fahy, PP Shuman, Mike McConahay, President Komatsu

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by PP Tom Byrne. Seconded by PP Mike Murphy

**Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Dempsey**

- Year-end financial statements were due on April 30, 2022. He is meeting with Todd Sichel.
- The 2021 tax return needs to be prepared.
- We are migrating to Quickbooks Online. It is \$42.50/month and will provide better functionality.
- Columbus Foundation: Funds can only be spent through a 501 c3 - the Irish Cultural Foundation - and can only be used for Irish cultural purposes by a 2/3 majority vote by the Executive Board. Our balance is just shy of \$40k.
- \$25k SBA Loan coming due. Interest continues to accrue.
- We need two members to serve on the Financial Oversight Committee.

**Membership Report: Chairman Julie Fulton (not present, President Komatsu read her report)**

- Here's a shout out to the folks that helped at the membership table during the HalfWay Party on September 17 - Molly Byrne, Katie Hicks and Megan Malloy Kelly. Thank you for volunteering. We're only as good as our volunteers and this time we were awesome.
- We had 3 families and 1 individual join during the party; I consider that a membership win!
- We are also beginning to see some membership actions through the new website and that's great news. Giving folks a simple and reliable platform to join or renew is key.
- We'll be in membership renewal season before you know it, so consider renewing online.

**Seanacháí Report: Chairman Jim Casey**

- The September issue has been delivered electronically and the paper version will arrive in the mail shortly.
- Chairman Casey reminded everyone that the deadline is the 21st of each month.

- Reminded event chairs to send him information as soon as possible to allow for time for editing, if needed.

### **Sunshine Report: Chairwoman Mary Grady Strickland**

- Kathy Redmond's mother Alta Coburn passed away September 18.
- PP George O'Donnell passed away. His wake will be held at The Buckeye Lake Yacht Club on Saturday, October 15 from 2pm-5pm.
- Patty Phillips passed away September 25. Her service was yesterday
- Joe Eiginger from American Legion 144 passed away this morning. He participated at every flag day here at the club.
- Keep Mike McCann in your prayers, he is having a heart procedure
- Corey Stevens is making remarkable progress. Continue to keep him and Cherish in your prayers; they have a long road ahead.
- Sue Pinkerton lost everything in the hurricane except the clothes on her back. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Always pray for the Shamrock Club that we continue to grow and share our heritage.
- Let us pray for the opioid epidemic and all those affected by it.
- Let us pray for an end to the violence in our streets.
- Remember, be safe out there!

### **Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy**

- Ladies of Longford - Friday, October 28, 2022 at 8pm
- Sirens - Friday, November 11, 2022 at 8pm
- OSU Bash - Saturday, November 26, 2022 - starting pool sales today. \$10 Progressive Pool and \$5 Forward/Reverse.

### **Old Business**

### **Halfway to St. Patrick's Day Wrap-Up - Saturday, September 17, 2022, Chairman Christina McConahay**

- Mary Grady Strickland won the 50/50!
- Director McConahay will chair next year's Half Way Party - mark your calendars for Saturday, September 16, 2023!
- Made around \$200 after expenses. Does not include bar sales or C-Note sales.

### **Car Show Wrap-Up: Sunday, September 23, 2022 - Chairman Molly Truex**

- Thanked all the volunteers and sponsors
- We had 54 entries and made \$800 after expenses
- Next year's Car Show - mark your calendars for Sunday, September 24, 2023.

### **Blood Drive: Sunday, October 9, 2022 - 10am-4pm Chairman Mike McConahay**

- Please contact McConahay to sign up or go to Red Cross website
- Needs help with set-up and clean-up
- There is a tremendous shortage of blood because of Hurricane Ian. He encouraged folks to donate blood or money to help those in Florida. We have an obligation to help.
- Looking at tentative dates for next blood drive in February 2023

### **Benefit for Cherish & Corey Stevens Wrap-Up: Friday, September 30 - 6pm-11pm - Shelly Powers**

- Thanked everyone who donated and participated
- Penny Giesemann also thanked everyone and happily reported that Corey is set to go home soon.
- Over \$4k was raised.

### **Clann na nGael Reports:**

**Ancient Order of Hibernians - Bruce McPherson**

- The AOH will be collecting food pantry donations in October and November.
- Entertainment:
  - Friday, October 7 - The Orange & The Greens
  - Friday, October 14 - LAOH Whiskey Tasting
  - Friday, October 21 - October Birthday Night with Eamonn & Seamus
  - Friday, October 28 - Live Music with Dennis Smith
  - Friday, November 11 - Live Music with The Kells

#### **Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - Katie Somers and Stacie Stearns**

- Friday, October 14 - Whiskey Tasting 7pm-9pm - \$40 per person. Contact Stacie Stearns. Skully (Molly Roisin) performs at 9pm
- Celtic New Year Raffle - \$5 each for a chance to win \$500 cash to benefit LAOH national charities
- Christmas Cookie sale is in December
- Socktoberfest - requesting socks, hats, and gloves for St. Aloysius Community Outreach. A collection box is located downstairs just outside the bar.

#### **Daughters of Erin - Sharon Tantes**

- Looking for needy families to adopt for the upcoming holiday season. Contact [cherylcostello@yahoo.com](mailto:cherylcostello@yahoo.com) or 64-774-8879 by November 6 with suggestions.
- The DOE will be having their Christmas Cookie sale at the beginning of December
- The DOE Kids Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 10 at 11:30 am
- The DOE will have a fundraising table at the Charity Newsies Bling fundraiser on Saturday, November 5.

#### **Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - Tom Byrne**

- Saturday, October 29 at 10am - Irish Road Bowling Classic at Deer Creek State Park.
- Friday, December 2 - Statehouse Dinner - more details to follow.

#### **Emerald Society - no report given**

**Queen of Hearts:** Director Giesemann announced that she is planning on music and is organizing a beer tasting for QoH Happy Hours on Friday nights. Participants must be members as of June 10. Ticket sales from 5pm-7:30pm. Drawing is at 8pm.

## **New Business**

#### **Shamrock Club Work Day: Date TBD, Director McConahay**

- Looking at scheduling two work days to get general maintenance work done around the club.

#### **Charity Newsies Bling: Saturday, November 5 - 12pm-4pm - Kathy Redmond**

- Kathy reported that in the 9 years they've had this fundraiser they've collected \$12.5k - enough to clothe 83 children
- Rowdy raffle and lots of blingy bling!

#### **On This Day in Irish History: PP Andy Shuman**

- September 24 marked Arthur Guinness' 397th birthday.
- October 2, 1833 - Father William Corby - Union Army chaplain in the Civil War attached to the Irish Brigade, was born in Detroit, Michigan.
- Side Note: President Komatsu presented PP Shuman with his Past President's plaque.

**50/50 Drawing:** Drawn by Molly Truex \$186 to winner Tyler Brown.

**Officer Comments:**

**Secretary Dempsey**

- Read thank you notes from the families of Marion Morrison and Mike Sparks in gratitude to the Bereavement Committee.

**President Komatsu:**

- Gave an update on the new website: [www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com](http://www.theshamrockclubofcolumbus.com)
- Encouraged members to spend time at the club.
- **Queen of Hearts:** Director Giesemann announced that she is planning on music and is organizing a beer tasting for QoH Happy Hours on Friday nights. Participants must be members as of June 10. Ticket sales from 5pm-7:30pm. Drawing is at 8pm. Serving sub sandwiches. The pot is just shy of \$2100

**Elected Officials Present: None**

**Past Presidents Present:**

Bob Basbagill 2005	Brendan O'Reilly 2007
Brian O'Reilly 2017	Jim Casey 1998
Ed Gaughan 2016 & 2022 IOTY	Mary Grady Strickland 2018
Andy Shuman 2021 & 2022	Rich Clemons '02
Francis Doyle 2010	Pat Byrne 2001
Molly Byrne 2014	Mike Murphy 2014
Tom Byrne 2006	

**Motion to adjourn by Ed Gaughan, seconded by Jim Casey**

**Closing prayer by Monsignor John Kelly Cody**

**Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary