



Shamrock Club of Columbus

General Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2022

Attendance: 51

Quorum = 45

Meeting called to order: 2:15 pm EST; 7:15 pm Dublin, Ireland

Opening Prayer: Monsignor John Kelly Cody

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem: President Komatsu, Karen Fahy, Mike McConahay, PP Doyle, Jim Moore

Approval of Minutes: Motion Debi McDonald. Second by Janell Brown.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Dempsey

- Year-end tax return and financial statements are complete thanks to the teamwork of the FOC. Treasurer Dempsey is waiting for direction from the E-Board as to how that information gets distributed to the membership.
- Dempsey spoke with our Huntington Bank representative about moving some of our savings account balance into a more advantageous, interest-bearing account. We have two options that will be discussed at the next E-Board meeting.
 - A money market account - rates are trending at 3.2%. The advantage is that these funds are liquid and the account works similar to a checking account but we have to have \$10k in "new money". Dempsey will look into seeing if we can use some of our money in the Columbus Foundation for this purpose.
 - 1-year CD - rates are hovering around 4.1%. The disadvantage is that the money is locked for the duration of the CD.
- Hopes to migrate to the on-line version of QuickBooks by year-end
- 2023 Committee Budgets: will work on in December
- Payments on our Small Business Administration EIDL \$25k loan are coming due. Treasurer Dempsey will look into repayment options for the E-Board to discuss.
- There was discussion regarding an internal audit. This should be conducted by the FOC.

Membership Report: Chairman Julie Fulton

Total membership through Q3 (Sept. 2022) - 1151

New members through Q3 (Sept. 2022) - 167

- 128 in Q1
- 24 in Q2
- 12 in Q3

A reminder that statistics will always lag. We report after new members have been approved at an e-board meeting.

Literary history bonus for Dec. 3:

Seán Ó Ríordáin was born in Baile Mhúirne, County Cork, and is among the most important Irish-language poets of the twentieth century. His books include *Brosna* (1964) and *Eireaball Spideoige* (1952), both published by Sáirséal agus Dill.

- <https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/sean-o-riordain>
- Reminded everyone that membership renewal season is coming up and we should all renew our memberships. It's easy to do online.

Seanacháí Report: Chairman Jim Casey (not present, President Komatsu gave his report)

- The December issue has been delivered electronically and the paper version will arrive in the mail shortly.
- The deadline for article submissions is the 19th 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 & PP Mary Grady Strickland

- The sun is shining on the Irish because there's no report
- Sang Happy Birthday to PP Brendan O'Reilly and Mike McConahay

Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy - no report

- Sirens - Friday, November 18, 2022 at 8pm

Clann na nGael Reports:

Ancient Order of Hibernians - Bruce McPherson

- Congratulated all newly installed officers; specifically those in attendance at the meeting: Financial Secretary Dan Fitzpatrick, Standing Committee Chair Rich Finn, and Treasurer Greg Brown. Hibernian of the Year Mike Cosgrove (also Freedom for All Ireland Chair and Sentinel) Commodore Barry Award Winner Scott Partika.
- The AOH gave a \$1000 check to the St. Lads/St. Vincent de Paul for their food pantry. Special thanks to the Mens Dart League for donating one of their 50/50 raffles.
- Entertainment - check out the AOH website for more information

Daughters of Erin - Sharon Tantes

- Saturday, December 10 - Kids Christmas Party - Doors open at 11am and Santa arrives at noon. Bring a gift with your child's name attached. There will be a rowdy raffle.
- Sunday, December 11 - Christmas meeting and announcement of Irish Woman of the Year
- January is the General Meeting

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - Katie Somers

- Socktoberfest - thanked everyone who donated to Socktoberfest. The socks were distributed at the St. Aloysius Thanksgiving Dinner.
- Celtic New Year Raffle - Thanked everyone who participated and congratulated the big winner, Christina Motika
- Christmas Cookie - proceeds are staying local -
- Congratulations to newly elected officers and Irishwoman of the Year Cathy Sullivan.
- Feast of St. Brigid will be celebrated at the end of January. More information to come

Clann na nGael - Katie Somers

- Saturday, February 4, 2023 - Clann na nGael Dinner at the Embassy Suites in Dublin. More details to follow.

Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - Tom Byrne

- Friday, December 9 - Statehouse Dinner - 2022 Honorees Bob & Mary Ginn Ryan founders of SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education)
- Irish Road Bowling Wrap-up: raised over \$1500. They are planning on hosting the Midwest Championships in July 2023.

Emerald Society - no report given

Old Business

Green Season : Rich Clemons

- We will have tables on both levels of the Ballroom. Tables are \$130 per table of 10. Individual tickets prices are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children ages 5 to 17. Children 4 and under are still free. Tables are sold on first come basis. Past Presidents/Officers and 2023 President Club Members receive first choice and then it's on an availability basis. You are not guaranteed the same table as last year. Tables this year will be available at the December meeting. (so move fast) Table prices have been reduced \$20 per table from last year. But prices will increase to \$140 per table at the first meeting in February and \$150 per table at the first meeting in March. Reserve now to save!
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted to be brought in and coolers will be checked. There will be food available for purchase (more to come on this) Plus you may still bring your own food as in past years.
- This year we will also have a special 50 / 50 drawing hoping to reach a goal of \$5,000 to the winning number. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold at \$10 per ticket and you can start buying them when you sign up for tables.
- Proclamation Day is Friday, March 10.

Charity Newsies Bling Wrap Up: Karen Finn for Kathy Redmond

- The paper sale is next Saturday. To date we have clothed over 15,000 children. Please give what your heart tells you.
- Kathy thanked the club for allowing her to host the Bling. They raised over \$1100 - enough to clothe 7 children. Over the past 10 years the Bling event has raised \$13,697 - enough to clothe 91 children. That's something to be proud of!
- Bling returns Saturday, November 4, 2023. Save the date!

New Business

Charity Newsies: Pat Conley

- Charity Newsie hearts are for sale in the pub. Please give what you can!

Pipe Band: Tim Becker

- Thanked members for support. Gave Molly McCandliss a shoutout for donating proceeds from the Car Show 50/50 to the band
- Gave an update on all the band activities over the past year
- Looking for new band members; specifically, a snare drummer. FREE LESSONS!

Home Committee: Mark Syx

- Club closure for cleaning will be the week before Christmas
 - 12/22-5pm-10pm

- 12/23-9:30am-6pm

Irish Darts: VP Murphy

- Saturday, January 14 at 6pm.
- We provide hotdogs and other Irish organizations bring side dishes

Quiz Night: VP Murphy

- Friday, January 20 at 7pm
- Queen of Hearts

Food Drive: VP Murphy

- Cash donations appreciated. Club's share of 50/50 will go to Holy Family

50/50 Drawing: Drawn by Doug Dempsey. \$179 to winner PP Mike Murphy

Officer Comments:

President Komatsu:

- General Meeting - January 8 - 2023 Parade Badge Reveal
- General Meeting - January 22 - 2023 Award Winner Announcements

Elected Officials Present: None

Past Presidents Present:

Bob Basbagill 2005	Richie Clemons '02
Mary Grady Strickland 2018	Brian O'Reilly 2017
Bob Irwin 1993	Francis Doyle 2010
Brendan O'Reilly 2007	Tom Byrne 2006
Mike Murphy 2014	Jim Graham 1986
Patrick Fallon 2012	

Motion to adjourn by Julie Fulton, seconded by Brian O'Reilly

Closing prayer by Monsignor John Kelly Cody

Meeting adjourned at 3:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary