

Shamrock Club of Columbus

General Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2023

Attendance=53

Quorum = 45

Meeting called to order: 2:23 pm EST; 7:23 pm Dublin, Ireland

Opening Prayer: Mary Grady Strickland

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem: Karen Fahy, Mike McConahay, Andy Shuman, Kenny Bowen

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Laurie Lapinskas. Second by Bob Basbagill

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Dempsey

- The Board is considering changing the pub's point of sale system (cash register) to FiServ through Huntington Bank. It will track inventory and the fees are less than our current system, Heartland.
- Financial statements will go to the general membership soon but contact Doug if you would like to see them now.
- The grant from the Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation via the Columbus Foundation in the amount of \$10k is in the works so our money market account can be opened.
- Our \$25k SBA EIDL loan is coming due at the end of January and we are working to set up recurring payments in the amount of \$125/month
- Committee budgets for the coming year events are due 4/1.
- The Board voted to set aside \$0.10 from General Fund revenue for capital improvements
- Still working through going from a 501(c)(3) to a 501(c)(4).

Membership Report: Chairman Julie Fulton

Membership activity as of Jan. 21, 2023

- 7 new memberships
- 94 renewed memberships

Membership by category - renewals/2023 new

- 16 family
- 26 general
- 17 pub
- 42 senior

General notes:

- It's renewal time, get on it.
- Renewing through the website is secure, quick and easy. You enter your membership details through the online form, then add the membership to the cart and pay through our e-commerce partner.
- Help sign up new members by lending a hand at the Irish Family Reunion (1 hour shifts). See/contact Julie.
- Active and involved members are the best ambassadors for the club. Join us!
- Brian Byrne introduced new member Andy MacKinnon and Mike Malloy introduced new member Joseph Galati

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

- The January issue has been delivered electronically and the paper version will arrive in the mail shortly.
- Please see the Seanachai for all Green Season information
- 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

- Tim Feeney just had knee surgery, please pray for his wife, Chris.
- Kim Trenor Dunning, daughter of Pat Trenor and sister to Bagpiper Michalean Trenor has been battling cancer for many years, has given up all treatment and has entered hospice.

- Happy Birthday to Laurie Lapinskas!
- Maureen Lovell has been diagnosed with breast cancer, please say a prayer.
- Jim Kriem, brother of Ann Kriem, passed away.
- There will be two Masses before the General meetings in March. March 5 will be for all deceased members and March 12 will be for good weather and safety on St. Patrick's Day. Each Mass starts at 2pm.

Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy

- The Pints: Friday, February 10 @ 8pm in the pub
- The Drowsy Lads: Saturday, February 25 @ 8pm in the pub. Cover charge likely.
- St. Patrick's Day Lineup: Rice Brother's @ 5pm; Skully @ 8pm
- The Board approved the purchase of a new sound board and thanks to Pat Byrne we have new powered speakers

Clann na nGael Reports:

Ancient Order of Hibernians - Bruce McPherson

- Entertainment - check out the AOH website for more information
- Feast of St. Brigid's Day - Saturday, January 28. 4pm Mass at St. Mary followed by 5pm Hooley & music at Tara Hall.
- Lucky \$1700 Drawing. Drawing on St. Patrick's Day. \$1700 to the winner, \$100 to the second place winner. \$10 each. See Scott Robinson or Glenn Hagan for tickets.

Daughters of Erin - Sharon Tantes

- Irish Woman of the Year - Nancy Longenbaker, Irish Member of the Year - Margie Thompson
- Saturday, February 4 is Clann na nGael dinner
- Sunday, February 12 is General Meeting
- Friday, February 24 is potential date for stuffing Easter Eggs
- Sunday, March 12 from 9am to 1pm - Irish Breakfast at Our Lady of Victory Church in Marble Cliff.
- Sunday, April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - no report

Clann na nGael - no report

Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - no report

Emerald Society - no report

Old Business

Green Season :

Proclamation Day - Friday, March 10: Vice President Nancy Murphy

- Mass is at St. Christopher Church in Grandview at 8:30 am followed by breakfast at Byrne's Pub
- City Hall at 10:45 am and Broad & High by noon.
- President's of other Irish organizations should get their charity and honoree information to VP Murphy ASAP

Parade - Chairman Dennis Moriarty (not present, President Komatsu gave report for him)

- See the Seanachai and website for parade and sponsorship information.
- Procession at 9am, Mass at 9:30 am. Shuttles from COSI - \$1 plus parade badge

Irish Family Reunion: Chairman Rich Clemons (not present, President Komatsu gave report for him)

- See the Seanachai and website for information. You can also call into the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Program ads for sale now.

Mark Dempsey Memorial Irish Triathlon: Fred and Beth Berkemer

- Saturday, February 18 - Noon - 3pm. \$5/round. **No speedos.** All proceeds go to Nationwide Children's Hospital Pediatric Oncology Unit. Now taking sponsorships through the website.
- See Beth Berkemer or website for sponsorship information. Beth has posters she can deliver.

Blood Drive: Christina McConahay

- Sunday, February 19 from 10am-4pm - upstairs (General Meeting will take place in the pub). Sign up with Mike McConahay or through the Red Cross website.
- Members are encouraged to stick around after the meeting to help tear down.

Irish Darts Wrap-Up: VP Murphy

- The Past President's won!

Quiz Night Wrap-Up: VP Murphy

- Winners were Shamrock the Casbah
- \$55 was raised for the National Canine Cancer Foundation in the club's name.
- Saturday, February 11 at 7pm is the next Quiz Night.

Dinners for Monsignor: VP Murphy for Karen Finn

- Karen will be collecting pre-made dinners at the February 5 meeting for Monsignor as he recovers from his back surgery. Note contents, date, name on donation. She will shrink wrap, freeze and deliver as needed.

New Business

Badge Crawl: Christina McConahay

- Friday, February 3 - Director's Crawl. Jim McDonald and Penny Giesemann will go to the Grandview/OSU and Christina McConahay and Pat Conley will be in the North/Dublin area. See Facebook for details.
- Saturday, February 11 - Ladies & Gents Badge Crawl

Discussion from the floor regarding club finances that was tabled until further review.

Announcement of 2023 President's Honorees: President Karen Komatsu

- **Members of the Year:** Colleen Collins, John Collins, Kira Collins, and Tracee Collins
- **Parade Grand Marshal:** Patrick W. Byrne
- **Irish Woman of the Year:** Mary Grady Strickland
- Congratulations to all the honorees!

50/50 Drawing: Drawn by Andy MacKinnon. \$230 to winner Tyler Brown

Officer Comments: None

Elected Officials Present: Doris Beatty Dawson, Village of Harrisburg

Past Presidents Present:

Bob Basbagill 2005

Pat Byrne 2001 & PGM 2023

Mary Grady Strickland 2018 & IWOTY 2023

Brian O'Reilly 2017

Andrew Shuman 2021-2022

Molly Byrne 2011

Brendan O'Reilly 2007

Ed Kelly (via FB Live) 1997

Mike Murphy 2014

Ed Gaughan 2016

Motion to adjourn by Mike Murphy, seconded by Molly Byrne

Closing prayer by Mary Grady Strickland

Meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary

