

Shamrock Club of Columbus

General Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2023

Attendance=72

Quorum = 45

Meeting called to order: 2:12 pm EST; 7:12 pm Dublin, Ireland

Opening Prayer: Mary Grady Strickland

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem: Francis Doyle, Andy Shuman, Hilda Doyle, Megan Kelly, and Kenny Bowen

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Michael Mentel. Second by Ed Gaughan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Dempsey

- Cash balances as of 2/19/2023:
 - Checking account: \$27,704.21
 - Savings Account: \$ \$39,695.48
 - Credit Card Available: \$11,040.00
 - Columbus Foundation: \$28,337.18
 - Total Unrestricted Funds: \$38,744.21
 - Restricted Funds: \$67,922.66
 - **Total Cash Position: \$106,666.87**
- Started making SBA loan payments. \$125/month. We should be able to start making payments on principle within a year.
- The Financial Oversight Committee met with the Executive Board to go over credit card handling recommendations made by the FOC. Based on those recommendations, Treasurer Dempsey will work to secure one corporate credit card in the club's name and close the credit cards issued in individuals' names.
- Once we receive the funds from the Columbus Foundation, Treasurer Dempsey will go to Huntington Bank (along with two members of the executive board) to set up the money market account and corporate credit card.
- The FOC will attend the 2/20/2023 Executive Board meeting to review cash handling procedures for St. Patrick's Day.

Membership Report: Chairman Julie Fulton

Membership activity as of Feb. 18, 2023

- 31 new memberships (up 40% since Feb. 5 meeting)
- 178 renewed memberships (up 35% since Feb. 5 meeting)
- 59 lifetime memberships

Membership by category - renewals/2023 new

- 51 family
- 56 general
- 67 pub
- 66 senior

General notes:

- It's renewal time, get on it.
- You must join by March 24 in order to be eligible to vote in the upcoming election.
- Ken Bowen introduced a new member, Mike Wood. Welcome, Mike!

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

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

- Please send Seanachai submissions to Jim by the 19th of each month

Sunshine Report: Chairwoman Mary Grady Strickland

- Karen Finn & Monsignor Cody are both doing great after their respective surgeries.
- Reminder: Mass before March 5 meeting @ 2pm is for all deceased members. March 12 Mass @ 2pm is for good weather, safety and health on March 17.
- Mass on St. Patrick's Day is at 9:30 at St. Patrick's hope you all can come join the officers & board as we honor St. Patrick on his Feast Day.

Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy

- The Drowsy Lads: Saturday, February 25 @ 8pm in the pub. \$10 cover; \$12 non-member cover
- Proclamation Day: Mossy Moran
- St. Patrick's Day Lineup: Rice Brother's @ 5pm; Skully @ 8pm
- Sirens: Friday, March 31, 2023 at 8pm (Also, President Komatsu's Farewell Party)
- Mad Maudlin: Friday, April 21, 2023

Clann na nGael Reports:

Ancient Order of Hibernians - Bruce McPherson

- Entertainment - check out the AOH website for more information
- 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 - Mary Grady Strickland

- Friday, February 24 at 6:30 - Easter Egg Stuffing in the upstairs hall
- Sunday, March 12 from 9am to 1pm - Irish Breakfast at Our Lady of Victory Church in Marble Cliff.
- Sunday, April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt
- Irish Life Experience applications due by April 1, 2023. Go to the DOE website for more information.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - Katie Somers

- Thanked everyone who participated in the Whiskey & Cigar Night.

Clann na nGael - Katie Somers - no report.

Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - no report

Emerald Society - Jim Dempsey

- Fish Fry's will be held every Friday during Lent from February 24 through March 31 **except** St. Patrick's Day and Good Friday. All-you-can-eat fish. \$15/adults, \$10/children. Doors open at 5pm.
- Thanked Gary Rundio, Mike Murphy, and Mark Syx for fixing the deep fryers.
- St. Charles students will be helping.

Old Business

Green Season :

Proclamation Day - Friday, March 10: Vice President Nancy Murphy (not present, President Komatsu gave report)

- Mass is at St. Christopher Church in Grandview at 8:30 am followed by breakfast at Byrne's Pub. \$10 per person, proceeds go to Get Behind the Badge.
- City Hall at 10:45 am and Broad & High by noon.
- Fish Fry and music at the club in the evening

Parade - Co-chairs Dennis Moriarty

- See the Seanachai and website for parade and sponsorship information. Note that the NCAA tournament is being held at Nationwide Arena that day so plan accordingly.
- Jim Farrell needs County Flag carriers for the parade. They set up at the beginning of the parade. Please wear black pants, black shoes and a cream colored sweater. Call Jim at 614-425-2007 if interested.
- Dennis needs banner carriers as well.

Irish Family Reunion: Chairman Rich Clemons

- See the Seanachai and website for information. You can also call into the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Program ads for sale now. \$100 Full Page; \$50 Half Page; \$20 Quarter Page; \$20 Business Card. Richie needs artwork by March 5.
- Folks can get in at 7am to drop off coolers, etc. Richie needs help setting up distributing table name signs and programs.
- Pre-paid parking for the Convention Center South Garage: www.columbusconventions.com. Select Park>Purchase Guaranteed Parking>Conventions, Seminars and Trade Shows>Shamrock Irish Festival>Find Parking>South Garage. \$17/day. There is a link on our website that will take you directly to the page.
- 50/50 tickets are still available. \$10/ticket - \$5000 to the Club/\$5000 to the winner. Winner need not be present.
- Note: Alcohol and food sales at the Reunion are credit card only.

Mark Dempsey Memorial Irish Triathlon: no report

Badge Crawl: Christina McConahay

- Saturday, March 4, Men's Badge Crawl - Devin Stearns
- McConahay is looking to add another badge crawl. Stay tuned for more details.
- We have under 900 badges in stock

Nominating Committee: Mike Murphy

- The committee has their list of eligible candidates. If you are interested in running please contact one of the committee members. The committee will be in contact with eligible members.

New Business

FOC Credit Card Handling Recommendations Report: President Komatsu

- The FOC & Executive Board met Monday, February 6, 2023 to review the FOC recommendations for credit card handling stemming from a letter from member Anna Vollmer regarding concerns over an employee's credit card mishandling. The employee is making restitution.
- The Executive Board adopted all the recommendations of the FOC.

11th Annual (we think) Guinness Pour: Ed Gaughan

- Sunday, March 5, 2023 directly after the General Meeting. Get your teams together!

Big Dog Award Announcement: Tom Byrne & 2022 Big Dog Karen Finn

- The most prestigious award in all of the Shamrock Club was awarded to **JIM DEMPSEY. Congratulations, Uncle Jim!**

50/50 Drawing: Drawn by Jim McDonald. \$211 to winner Shelly Powers

Officer Comments: None

Elected Officials Present: Judge Michael Mentel, Ohio Court of Appeals, 10th District

Past Presidents Present:

Bob Basbagill 2005	Pat Byrne 2001 & 2023 Parade Grand Marshal
Mary Grady Strickland 2018 & 2023 IWOTY	Brian O'Reilly 2017
Francis Doyle 2010 & 2023 Clann na nGael Honoree	Towny Quinn 1974
Brendan O'Reilly 2007	Francis Doyle 2010 & 2023 Clann na nGael Honoree
Mike Murphy 2014	Ed Gaughan 2016
Rich Clemons 2002	Andy Shuman 2021 & 2022
Tom Byrne 2006	Bob Irwin 1993

Motion to adjourn by Doug Eakins, seconded by Julie Fulton

Closing prayer by Mary Grady Strickland

Meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary