

Shamrock Club of Columbus

General Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2023

Attendance=90

Quorum = 45

Meeting called to order: 3:17 pm EST; 3:17 pm Dublin, Ireland

Opening Prayer: Monsignor John Kelly Cody

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem: Francis Doyle, Hilda Doyle, Karen Fahy, Ed Norris, Michael McConahay

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Debbi McDonald. Second by Michael Mentel. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Doug Dempsey

- Cash balances as of 3/5//2023:
 - Checking account: \$39,443.00
 - Savings Account: \$ \$39,695.48
 - Credit Card Available: \$10,953.13
 - Columbus Foundation: \$28,337.18
 - Total Unrestricted Funds: \$50,076
 - Restricted Funds: \$68,042.68
 - **Total Cash Position: \$118,108.66**
- On February 27, 2023 the Financial Oversight Committee and the E-Board had a successful Irish Family Reunion cash handling meeting.
- The FOC will meet on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 to discuss firming up the profit & loss statement reporting and the recommendations for the Office Manager Position.

Membership Report: Chairman Julie Fulton

Membership report - March 5, 2023

Membership activity as of March 2, 2023

- 51 new memberships (up 64% since Feb. 19 report)
- 236 renewed memberships (up 33% since Feb. 19 report)
- 59 lifetime memberships

Membership by category - renewals/2023 new (just shy of 350 voting members)

- 92 family
- 70 general
- 43 pub
- 82 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.
- Teresa Conley introduced a new member, Tina O'Grady. Welcome Tina!
- Contact Julie if you'd like to help at the Membership Table at the Irish Family Reunion.

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

- The March 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

- Paul Leitch, 42, passed away suddenly leaving behind his wife & 3 year old son.
- John Mullins passed away
- Happy birthday Ed Norris!
- The Bishop granted dispensation from eating meat on St. Patrick's day with some stipulations of things to do.
- Franklin Tack 8 years old in Children's Hospital with an unknown diagnosis. Please keep him and his parents Jamie & Jessie in your prayers.
- Saved the sunshine for last - Madeline Grace McPherson, granddaughter of Bruce & Anne McPherson, was born March 3, 2023 in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Remember we have our Proclamation Day Mass of Irish Unity this Friday at St. Christopher's, and again here next Sunday at 2pm for a safe and healthy St. Patrick's Day with good weather.
- Be safe out there.

Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy

- Proclamation Day: Mossy Moran. Irish dancers will perform prior to the show and will be passing the hat.
- 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
- Ladies of Longford: Saturday, May 13, 2023 @ 8pm

Clann na nGael Reports:

Ancient Order of Hibernians - Bruce McPherson

- Proclamation Day AOH Mass of Irish Unity at 8:30am. Arrive early to hear Hilda, Heather and Stephanie Doyle sing.
- Proclamation Day Music at Tara hall: 3:30 General Guinness; 7pm The Hooligans. \$10 door charge that includes a ticket to the Kells show on Saturday, March 11.
- 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

- Sunday, March 12 from 9am to 1pm - Irish Breakfast at Our Lady of Victory Church in Marble Cliff. \$15/adults & \$10 kids
- Thursday, March 30, 2023 - Filling Easter baskets at the club
- Sunday, April 8 - Easter Egg Hunt. Come down at 9:45 am if you'd like to help distribute the eggs.
- Friday, April 14, 2023 - DOE Bowling Extravaganza: 6pm check-in; 7pm bowling. \$25/person. Door prizes! Contact Peggy Shanahan or text Sharon at 614-361-8590.

Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - Stacie Stearns

- The LAOH will be raffling off a bottle of Bardstown Bourbon Fercullen Blended Whiskey. \$300 bottle. \$5/one or \$20/5. See Lisa OP, Stacie, or Katie Somers for tickets.

Clann na nGael - no report

Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - no report

Emerald Society - 2023-24 Big Dog Jim Dempsey

- 3 fish fry's left! March 30, 24, and 31. All-you-can-eat fish. \$15/adults, \$10/children. Doors open at 5pm.
- Please direct all complaints to folks who are in charge.
- Looking for a place to donate leftover food.

Old Business

Proclamation Day and St. Patrick's Day:

*Please follow the **Sign-Up Genius link** on our website to sign up to be a banner or flag carrier in the parade or to work a one-hour shift at the Irish Family Reunion!*

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. \$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 distributing table name signs and programs. Doors open at 11am.
- 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.
- Pre-ordered food service will be available. Details to follow.

Mark Dempsey Memorial Irish Triathlon: Secretary Dempsey for Chairman Fred Berkemer

- The Triathlon made \$3,370.00. We will send a check to Nationwide Children's Hospital Pediatric Cancer Unit. **Update: the amount is changed to \$3,613.00 thanks to Richie Clemons' generous donation of \$243 from his 50/50 winnings. Thanks Richie!**
- Congratulations to winner Tom Motika who will get his name added to the Dempsey Cup.

Blood Drive: Michael McConahay

- We had 50 blood donations at our February 19 drive. Channel 6 showed up and Mike got on the news!
- Next drive is Sunday, June 11 from 10am-4pm. Double red donors are eligible.

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 finalized their list of eligible members and will be contacting them by email. If you are interested in running please contact one of the committee members.
- If you are running for office please make sure your membership is up to date!.

New Business

Flag Day: Tom Byrne

- Wednesday, June 11, 2023 at 6pm. Tom is looking for an honoree and speaker.

Irishwoman of the Year Party & Byrne's Pub: Pat Byrne

- IWOTY Party at Byrne's Pub: Monday, March 13 featuring the Hooligan's Tribute Band (Derek Warfield and the Young Wolfe Tones). Band starts at 7pm. Wear a badge.
- Proclamation Day Breakfast: \$10 to support Get Behind the Badge.
- Survivors Party: Saturday, March 18. The real Hoolian's start at 3pm.

Installation Banquet: Doris Dawson

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29, 2023 at Plumbers & Pipefitters Union Hall at 1250 Kinnear Road. Doors open at 6pm. More details to follow.

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

- Ed took nominations from the floor for members of a new team: The Green Seasoners. Hilarity ensued.

50/50 Drawing: Drawn by Tina O'Grady. \$343 to winner Richie Clemons

Officer Comments:

President Komatsu wished everyone a safe and fun Proclamation Day and asked that we pray for good weather.

Elected Officials Present: Judge Michael Mentel, Ohio Court of Appeals, 10th District; Doris Dawson, Village of Harrisburg Council President.

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 (no C) Shuman 2021 & 2022
Tom Byrne 2006	Molly Byrne 2011

Motion to adjourn by Karen Finn, seconded by Pat Conley

Closing prayer by Monsignor John Kelly Cody

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary