

**Shamrock Club of Columbus**

**General Meeting Minutes**

**March 12, 2023**

**Attendance=89**

**Quorum = 45**

**Meeting called to order:** 3:30 pm EST; 3:30 pm Dublin, Ireland

**Opening Prayer:** Monsignor John Kelly Cody

**Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem:** Francis Doyle, Hilda Doyle, Ken Bowen, Ed Norris, Michael McConahay, Andy Shuman, Jim Moore, Megan Kelly.

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Michael Mentel. Second by Michael Redmond. Motion carried.

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

- Cash balances as of 3/12//2023:
  - Checking account: \$45,284.54
  - Savings Account: \$39,695.48
  - Credit Card Outstanding Balance: \$2,232.81
  - Credit Card Available: \$10,212.80
  - Columbus Foundation: \$28,337.18
  - Total Unrestricted Funds: \$55,496.53
  - Restricted Funds: \$68,032.66
  - **Total Cash Position: \$123,529.19**
- FOC Update: the committee is looking at outsourcing the bookkeeping duties with a company called Check Off Your List. Once the FOC checks references and is provided a quote for services they will recommend it to the Board for approval.

**Membership Report:** Chairman Julie Fulton

**Membership report - March 12, 2023 - no new data to report**

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.
- Doug Dempsey introduced new member Carol Barnwell. Welcome, Carol!
- Contact Julie if you'd like to help at the Membership Table at the Irish Family Reunion.

**Seanachai Report:** Chairman Jim Casey

- The March issue has been delivered electronically and the paper version will arrive in the mail shortly.
- Candidates for office should submit their bio's asap. Candidates for Secretary have 350 words and candidates for Director have 200 words. Bios are posted in the order they are received.
- Deadline for Seanachai is the 21st of each month.

**Sunshine Report:** Chairwoman Mary Grady Strickland

- Pat Conley's mother-in-law, Kathy, was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Happy birthday today Richie '02 Clemons. Other upcoming birthdays: Katie Grady, Carol McConahay & Colleen McConahay!
- Franklin Tack, our 8 year old buddy, is home from Children's Hospital with a terrible virus.
- Pray for Elizabeth Brickey who was in a terrible car accident - she is the niece of Mike & Carol McConahay
- We will see you all at Mass Friday, March 17th at 9:30 at St. Patrick's Church as we venerate our patron St. Patrick, the reason the Shamrock Club was founded. Also if you go to Mass you receive a dispensation from eating meat on Friday.
- Be safe out there!

**Entertainment: Chairman Mike Murphy**

- St. Patrick's Day Lineup: Rice Brother's @ 5pm; Skully @ 8pm. \$10 Cover. Music upstairs.
- 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
- Dogwood Road: Friday, June 9, 2023 @ 8pm
- Irish Music Festival: Saturday, July 8, 2023. Details to follow.

**Clann na nGael Reports:**

**Ancient Order of Hibernians - Scott Robinson**

- 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.
- Tara Hall opens at 2pm on St. Patrick's Day. Skully takes the stage at 3pm, followed by Mad Maudlin. A food truck will be available from 4pm-7pm

**Daughters of Erin - Mary Grady Strickland**

- Dawn Peterson thanked everyone for coming out the Irish Breakfast
- 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.
- May Crowning will be Saturday, May 20, 2023. 11am at Holy Family Church

**Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians - no report**

**Clann na nGael - no report**

**Greater Columbus Irish Cultural Foundation - no report**

**Emerald Society - 2023-24 Big Dog Jim Dempsey**

- 2 fish fry's left! Friday, March 24, and Friday, March 31. All-you-can-eat fish. \$15/adults, \$10/children. Doors open at 5pm.
- 190 dinners were sold on Proclamation Day. That's a whole lotta feesh!

**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 - Wrap up**

- Thanks to everyone who attended and participated.

**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.
- 2023 Parade Grand Marshal Pat Byrne asked for a map of the parade route...again.
- 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.
- Dennis thanked parade sponsors for their support.

### **Irish Family Reunion: Chairman Rich Clemons**

- See the Seanachai and website for information. You can also call into the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 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](http://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. We will be doing a second 50/50 raffle at the reunion. Drawing is at 2pm.
- Those who paid for a program ad will be reimbursed
- Note: Alcohol and food sales at the Reunion are credit card only.

### **New Business**

#### **Nominations of Elected Officers: Mike Murphy**

#### **Chairman Murphy read candidates for each office**

- Candidate for Office of Secretary: Pat Conley
- Candidate for Director: Bob Basbagill
- Candidate for Director: Tyler Brown
- Candidate for Director: Julie Fulton
- Candidate for Director: Molly McCandliss
- Candidate for Director: Jamie Porter

President Komatsu thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work and dismissed them.

President Komatsu read the list of candidates for Director and asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations she declared nominations for the office of Director closed.

President Komatsu read the candidate's name for the office of Secretary and asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing no nominations she declared nominations for the office of Secretary closed.

President Komatsu directed the nominators for Director candidates to come forward. Nominators have one minute to speak, those seconding the nomination of a candidate do not speak. Candidates for Secretary have one minute to speak.

- Tom Byrne nominated **Bob Basbagill**. Brian Byrne seconded. Candidate Basbagill spoke.
- Mike Murphy nominated **Tyler Brown**. Glenn Hagan seconded. Candidate Brown spoke.
- Mike McConahay nominated **Julie Fulton**. Brendan O'Reilly seconded. Candidate Fulton spoke.
- Rich Finn nominated **Molly McCandliss**. Dennis Moriarty seconded. Candidate McCandliss spoke.
- Dennis Moriarty nominated **Jamie Porter**. Brian O'Reilly seconded. Candidate Porter spoke.

President Komatsu directed the nominators for the Secretary candidate to come forward. Nominators have two minutes to speak, the person seconding the nomination of the candidate has one minute to speak. The candidate for Secretary has two minutes to speak.

- Mary Grady Strickland nominated **Pat Conley**. Andy Shuman seconded. Candidate Conley spoke.

#### **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. \$60 per person. Tickets go on sale sometime after St. Patrick's Day.

#### **Parade Grand Marshal: Pat Byrne**

- PGM Byrne thanked PP Ed & FFL Teri Kelly for the combination whistle, compass, and magnifying glass and then mentioned something about heading south on High Street. We all said a silent prayer that we make it to the Family Reunion.



- PGM Byrne plugged the Irishwoman of the Year Party at Byrne's Pub featuring the Hooligan's tribute band, Derek Warfield and the Young Wolftones. Starts around 7pm, \$5 cover. The real Hooligans will play at Byrne's for the Survivors Party on 3/18.

**Grounds Committee: Christina McConahay**

- Christina is looking for volunteers and someone to be a committee chairperson.

**50/50 Drawing:** Drawn by Jim McDonald. \$263 to winner Jamie Porter.

**Officer Comments:**

Secretary Dempsey read a thank you note to the Dart League from the family of Ted Bookhamer.

President Komatsu wished everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day.

**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	Ed Kelly (via FB Live) 1997
Brendan O'Reilly 2007	Bob Irwin 1993
Mike Murphy 2014	Pat Fallon 2012
Rich Clemons 2002	Andy (no C) Shuman 2021 & 2022
Tom Byrne 2006	Molly Byrne 2011

**Motion to adjourn by Andy Shuman, seconded by Doug Eakin**

**Closing prayer by Monsignor John Kelly Cody**

**Meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Dempsey, Secretary