



The Shamrock Club of Columbus

General Meeting Minutes

January 21st, 2024

Meeting called to order: 2:23 pm EST

Opening Prayer: Msgr. John Cody

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem:

PP Karen Komatsu, PP Andy Shuman, Mike McConahay, Karen Fahy, Jim Moore

Approval of Minutes: motion by Megan Kelly, 2nd by Uncle Jim Dempsey

Treasurers report: by Treasurer Doug Dempsey

Huntington checking \$17,214

available credit card \$9,565

Columbus Foundation \$32,089

Restricted funds \$61,090

. **Total cash position:** \$54,699

Membership Report: by Chairman Julie Fulton

Membership activity through Jan 20th, 2024

- 413 total members
- 328 renewed members
- 58 new members

Membership comparison vs. previous years (as of mid January)

- **2023** = 977 members
- **2022** = 1079 members
- **2020**= 1116 members
- Substantial decrease in family memberships:
 - Went down from 400 in 2022 to 300 in 2023

- Renew your membership for 2024 membership. Remember that Shamrock Club memberships run through a calendar year. If you joined for the first time in 2023, you will renew for 2024.
- It is my opinion that Julie Fulton is doing a fabulous job.

- Questions about membership? Ask Julie Fulton.

Seanachai report: Chairman Jim Casey is in South Carolina

- Reports are due by the 21st of the month

Sunshine Report: by Mary Grady Strickland

- Congratulations to Rich and Karen Finn- Clann na nGael Honorees
- Keep Catie Byrne Marstrell in your prayers
- Keep Lois O'Reilly in your prayers
- Keep Kim Conley in your prayers
- Keep Tim Jones in your prayers
- Pray for the Shamrock Club and the Irish community
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Entertainment Report: by Chairman PP Mike Murphy

- Friday January 26th- the Pints
- Friday February 23rd- Oxbow String Co
- Proclamation Day- Mossy Moran
- St Patricks Day- the Ladies of Longford
- Beth Motika- Quiz night Friday February 9th at 7pm.
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Big Dog Award presentation: by PP Thomas Patrick Byrne

The big dog award is the most prestigious award presented each year at the Shamrock Club of Columbus

- The origin of the big dog award is unknown, and its qualifications are vague, but it continues to be the most coveted of all awards presented each year at the Shamrock Club of Columbus.
- Keeping with tradition, the outgoing big dog recipient presents the honorary baldric and staff to the fortunate successor. With much fanfare, 2023 winner Seamus Dempsey bestowed this distinction to startled and teary eyed PP Bob Basbagill. Several past winners of the big dog award were on hand to witness the event.

Clann na nGael Reports:

- Sharon Tantes- DOE has named Karen Fahy as Member of the Year
- Teresa Conley- Clann na nGael Dinner Saturday February 3rd
- AOH- Scott Robinson named Hibernian of the year
- Nora Feeney- February 14th at Ronald McDonald House- 15 volunteers are needed. Go to sign-up genius to help. Monetary donations are accepted also.
- Christina McConahay continues her quest to capture cats, and there will be a blood drive Feb 11th
- Emerald Society- first fish fry will be on February 16th

New Business:

PP Karen Komatsu will be selling tables for the Irish Family reunion.

Mary Grady Strickland -get your tickets for the St Patrick's Day 50/50 !!!

50/50 Drawing:

- \$215 to winner Sharon Tantes

Elected Officials Present: Judge Michael C. Mentel- 10th District Court of Appeals

Past Presidents Present:

Bob Basbagill 2005

Karen Komatsu 2023

Patrick Byrne 2001

Francis Doyle 2010

Thomas Byrne 2006

Brian O'Reilly 2017

Brendan O'Reilly 2007

Mike Murphy 2014

Bob Irwin 1993

Pat Fallon 2012

Andy Shuman 2021 & 2022

Mary Grady Strickland 2018

Mike Redmond 2015

Tim Feeney 2004

Rich Clemons 2002

Motion to Adjourn: by Mary Grady Strickland, 2nd by Karen Finn

Closing Prayer by Msgr. John Kelly Cody

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Conley, secretary

Upcoming Events:

General Meeting: February 4th, February 18th, March 3rd, March 10th