

The Shamrock Club of Columbus General Meeting Minutes December 3rd, 2023

Meeting called to order: 2:28 pm EST

**Opening Prayer: Monsignor John Kelly Cody** 

Irish National Anthem & American National Anthem:

# PP Karen Komatsu, PP Andy Shuman, Victoria Gaughan

**Approval of Minutes:** motion by Julie Fulton, second by Ed Gaughan. Motion carried.

# Treasurers report: by Treasurer Doug Dempsey

available credit card \$1,667

Columbus Foundation \$32,089

Restricted funds \$60,920

. Total cash position: \$73,598

# Membership Report: by Chairman Julie Fulton

Membership activity through Jan. 6, 2024

- 276 total members
- 218 renewed members
- 58 new members

215 full-rights voting members

Membership by category

- 85 family (including children)
- 49 general
- 50 pub
- 92 senior
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- 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.
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- Membership cards for 2024 are here. If you have questions about yours, ask me.

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- A friendly reminder that a family membership covers children 22 and under living at home. Please remember to add the DOBs along with the names of eligible offspring. No DOB will default to under-18 for data entry purposes.
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- Also, if you are over 22, you need to register with a general membership (or a pub membership if you don't intend on participating as a voting member).
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- Submitting your membership application online is the most efficient way for the club to process your application (new or renewal). You are at your peril asking me to decipher your hasty handwriting.
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- Next meeting I'll provide some comparison of our 2023 membership numbers versus 2022 numbers.
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- Questions about membership? Ask Julie Fulton.

Our beloved Executive board member Jamie Porter introduced new members, City Council member Rob Dorans and Kevin McCain.

Through the hard work, expertise and possible strong-arming of Mr. Porter, Councilmen Dorans has pledged that the City will be taking care of the expenses involved with both St. Patrick's Day and Proclamation Day. This announcement was followed by a standing ovation.

Brian Kelleher introduced two new members: Paul Smith and Matt McCune.

# Seanachai report: Chairman Jim Casey

• Reports are due by the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month

- During January, February and March, issues of the Seanachai are larger; Please get info submitted as early as possible.
- Mr. Casey made a bold prediction that his Missouri Tigers would hold the Ohio State Buckeyes to 3 points in the Cotton Bowl.

## Sunshine Report: by Victoria Gaughan

- Dawn Peterson passed away on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Brendan O'Reilly has a birthday on December 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Brian Kelleher named honorary chair of the Dublin Irish Festival
- Byrnes Pub was named as a dive bar
- Ed Gaughan has a birthday on December 24<sup>th</sup>
- Happy Birthday to Jesus

## **Entertainment Report: by Chairman Mike Murphy**

- Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> 8pm. Christmas show with the Drowsy Lads was sold-out and a successful event.
- Ladies of Longford will be here on St Patricks Day

## Clann na nGael Reports:

- Janell Brown- Thank you to everyone that purchased cookies.
- Bruce McPherson- officer installation is this week.
- PP Mary Grady Strickland- the Daughters of Erin has adopted ten families for Christmas this year. Thank you for all the support.
- PP Ed Gaughan- the GCICF Statehouse dinner is this weekend.
- DOE jr members are selling calendars for \$10 each.
- Christina McConahay has captured eight cats.
- The 50/50 today will be going to Christina to offset the expenses she has incurred for the spaying and/or neutering. She has also received monetary donations from Colleen Collins, Tracee Collins, and my little sister Teresa Conley. Thank you.
- December 10<sup>th</sup> is the 78<sup>th</sup> birthday of the esteemed Mike McConahay.

## **New Business:**

Nora Feeney- will be collecting snacks to donate to Ronald McDonald house

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

Kathy Redmond- the Bling benefitting Charity Newsies raised \$1535. Thank you to all who attended.

Andy Shuman spoke of some interesting holiday traditions; mistletoe is **not** edible.

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

James Moriarty has been introduced as new pub manager.

Nancy made announcement that we **must** adhere to membership rules to abide by regulations of our liquor license and liability insurance coverage. We are not able to serve alcohol to non-members.

#### 50/50 Drawing:

• \$175 to the winner- the pride of the 'front row' PP Brian O'Reilly

Elected Officials Present: Rob Dorans Columbus City Council

#### Doris Dawson Village of Harrisburg

Past Presidents Present:

Bob Basbagill 2005	Karen Komatsu 2023
Patrick Byrne 2001	Molly Byrne 2011
Ed Gaughan 2016	Brian O'Reilly 2017
Brendan O'Reilly 2007	Mike Murphy 2014
Jim Casey 1998	Jim Graham 1986
Andy Shuman 2021 & 2022	Mary Grady Strickland 2018

Motion to Adjourn: by Christina McConahay, 2nd by Karen Komatsu

Closing Prayer by Msgr. John Kelly Cody

Meeting adjourned at 3:49 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Conley, secretary