

IRISH HERITAGE SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

November 9, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm. Directors present Margaret Bratcher, Mike Whelan, Steve Young, Maria Millen, Steve Purcell, Greg Connor, Paula Sweeney

Minutes from Oct. 12, 2016 approved as submitted.

Steve Young presented the financial report, reviewing the income and expenses from the Fall Social. Refer to treasurer's report for details which include donation to McLean County History Museum by Bill Kemp and donation to society by Jim and Mary Gill. It was noted that a thank you note has been sent to the Gill's. Financial report was approved as submitted.

NEW BUSINESS

Jaycee Christmas Parade Saturday Dec. 3, 2016 at 10 am. Registration fee has been paid, those walking in parade should arrive at 9:30 am Kingsley Junior High School. Steve Purcell volunteered to carry society banner.

Review and update of upcoming 2017 events. Turas Irish band will perform Feb. 18, 7pm Knights of Columbus Hall. A brief discussion was held concerning printing and selling tickets in advance for this event. Cost for the seven piece band is \$390.00.

St. Patrick's Day Parade is March 11, 2017, the back room of Pub II has been reserved for Irish Society after the parade.

Program/Events 2017 were reviewed and approved as submitted.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Irish Autumn Social was reviewed with a positive response for all facets of the program including, food, entertainment and speaker.

Dennis Fries is to be installed as a new board member in Jan. 2017

Genealogy Program meeting is scheduled for Feb 1, 2017 to discuss future Fall program: Irish in St. Mary's Cemetery. Steve Young, Mary Stack and Mary Craig will be meeting with Denise Romack.

Update on Jason's Deli fundraiser to be held Nov. 10, 2016. Maria Millen will look into Pizza Ranch fundraising.

Festival of Trees committee has met and prepared an Irish Tree for the event to benefit the Baby Fold on Nov. 16, 2016. Included on the tree are gift certificates to Maggie Miley's, K of C St. Patrick's day dinners and Margaret Theis Christmas tree ornaments. Committee members include Larry and Chris Mertes, Maggie Bratcher, Mary Stack, Maria Millen, David Kraft, Katie Novak.

Book club meeting for November was cancelled, next meeting Feb. 23, 2017

Dec. 6, 2017 lunch at Maggie Miley's 11:30am

Next meeting Jan. 11, 2017

Respectfully submitted, Paula Sweeney

