

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.

Board of Directors' Meeting

Miami Yacht Club

Thursday, December 4, 2008 7:00 P.M.

Minutes

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 7:12PM

In Attendance: Oliver Kerr, President, Jon Lindeman, 1st V.P., Janice McKay, 2nd V.P., Treasurer John P. Doherty, Secretary Hugh A. Ryan, Historian Dan Fitzgerald, Directors: Mary Gerhardt, Chris Kelley, Sean Ferrell, Patrick Novak, Bella Kelly, Bill O'Brien and Tom Lynch. Also in attendance were members: Billy Cameron, Mary Ann Kerr and Ann McShane.

Excused absences: Nabil Salem, Judy Sherry

Order of Business:

Secretary's Report: H. A. Ryan

Minutes of November Meeting were reviewed.

Motion to approve minutes is carried.

Treasurer's Report: J. Doherty

Financial Reports submitted for review

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report is carried.

Committee Reports:

Christmastime in Ireland- M. Gerhardt (for E. Ashley)-

- Raffle Tickets- We will not be sending out raffle tickets by mail, it is too close to the event.
- O. Kerr- We should send raffle tickets with board members tonight to sell them in advance of the event.

Gerhardt- There will be no door prizes this year; the focus will be on the raffle. We have 110 paid tickets as of tonight, with 13 more reservations, with 26 more expected. Right now there are 149 spots to the event either paid or committed.

The band...

The Dublin City Ramblers will set up for the show at 4:00PM
They are being lodged at the Boulevard Hotel on Miami Beach at
7th Street & Ocean Drive.

Also- there will be a valet service at the Rusty Pelican for guests of the event.

O. Kerr- Thank you to Mary and Erin Ashley for all of the hard work and enthusiasm in putting this night together. The night will be very nice.

M.A. Kerr- Tom Lynch will be the ticket caller the night of the event.

Social Committee: O. Kerr- Last social was very disappointing. There were two Emeralds in attendance at Mr. Moe's in Coconut Grove; perhaps the Hurricane Football game on Thursday night was a conflict.

Upcoming Socials:

December- Christmastime in Ireland

January 21st - Novecento in Coral Gables- 121 Alhambra Circle.

February- maybe at La Palma- Coral Gables

Membership Committee: NO REPORT- Carroll Cameron was not present

Website/Big Mouth- J. Doherty

Website-

The website was updated with the Emerald Roster split into 6 pages in a PDF format to make it easier for the members to locate and read. The roster pages permit increasing the viewing size so that the readability is enhanced. This change came about from a couple of the members complaining about the small print.

In addition, information for Christmas in Ireland was put up along with the event flyer. Information as to the St. Patrick Festival forms were revised and placed on the website.

Big Mouth-

A number of Big Mouth messages pertaining to the Christmas in Ireland Dinner and Dance were delivered during the month to stimulate interest and purchasing of tickets.

Concurrent with the Big Mouth messages, accompanying email messages, with the event flyer as an attachment, were sent to members.

Big Mouth was also used to notify St. Patrick Festival members of upcoming events.

Shamrock News- O. Kerr

Reports on the Christmas in Ireland Dinner and tonight's meeting will be included in the next edition and sent out soon.

New Business:

D. Fitzgerald- We need to send an e-mail for Maurice Grondin's Holiday event.

J. Doherty- Send the letter and I'll send it out to everyone.

Health & Welfare- M.A. Kerr

Cards that have been sent on the Emeralds behalf:

A get well card to Sylvia McCormick for her illness.

A sympathy card to John Sorgie for the death of his mother

A get well card to Judy Sherry for her broken leg.

Announcements:

J. McKay- We need support for the St. Patrick's Day Festival- especially for the Tinker's Fair and the Soda Bread Booth. If you or someone you know is interested let me know.

O. Kerr- Thank you to everyone for all of the hard work in this fraternal organization, as we support each other.

O. Kerr- Happy Birthday to Mary Ann Kerr!

Good of the Order/Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned approximately 8:10 PM

Next Board Meeting January 8, 2009, 7:00PM at Miami Yacht Club

**Respectfully Submitted
Hugh A. Ryan**