

The South Florida Emerald Society, Inc.
Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES
Miami Yacht Club
Thursday, June 2, 2011

Call to Order:

Pledge of Allegiance – Dan Fitzgerald
Meeting called to order at 6:45 pm

In Attendance: Christopher Kelley, President, Hugh A. Ryan, 1st V.P., Mary Gerhardt, 2nd V.P., Judi Tierney Sherry, Rec. Sec., Dan Fitzgerald, Historian, Directors: Erin Ashley Sieber, Bill O'Brien, Sean Hayes, Patrick Duffy, Paul Reilly, D. Russell and Kassie Doyle.

Guests: Joe & Barbara McManus and Billy Cameron.

Excused absences: Past Pres. Janice McKay, Treas. John Doherty, Directors Jeff Bailey, Chuck Daley and Phil Morrissey.

Order of Business:

Good of the Order: – Pres. C. Kelley

Secretary's Report: - J. Tierney Sherry

J. Tierney Sherry presented the minutes of the May 12, 2011 Board Meeting.

Motion by D. Fitzgerald, seconded by S. Hayes to approve the May 12, 2011 Board Minutes.

Motion carried

Treasurer's Report: - Presented in the absence of J. Doherty in the form of an e-mail.

See attached report.

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by D. Russell, to allow the Treasurer to renew the 2 CDs (dated June 19, 2011 and July 1, 2011) at his discretion.

Motion carried

D. Russell asked about the number of Emerald Society members paid. According to his information, there are 92 members paid for 2011. It was decided this issue be deferred to the next meeting, pending a report back from Treasurer J. Doherty and Membership Chairperson, E.A. Sieber.

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by P. Reilly, to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: P. Reilly

Upcoming Socials:

*"FADO Irish Bar": Wed., June 22, 2011, 6:30 to 9:00 pm in Brickell.

*Pub Crawl scheduled for Fri., Sept. 16, 2011. Meet at Mia. Yacht Club at 6:00 pm, board the shuttle at 7:00 pm. Visiting pubs in Brickell.

Installation Dinner: J.T. Sherry

J. T. Sherry volunteered to prepare thank you letters for the Pres.'s signature to: Andrew Juska = Jungle Island; Bob Ritchie = Bagpiper; Ken

Pines = Centerpieces. These letters will be completed and brought to the next Board meeting for Pres's signature.

4th of July Parade: B. Cameron

Meet at St. Agnes Church by 9:00 am. Parade begins at 11:00 am. Tom Flynn has invited us again to the Key Biscayne Yacht Club after the Parade. B. Cameron said we need a convertible Jeep. E.A. Sieber volunteered hers, as also S. Hayes. We need Irish and American flags. B. Cameron reported that the whereabouts of the Emerald Society banner is unknown, and he is checking around. Also, B. Cameron reported that the law enforcement members are invited to participate in the Parade. He will request J. Doherty to do an e-mail and Big Mouth blast for the parade.

Christmas in Ireland Dinner: E.A. Sieber

The committee has chosen The Spanish Monastery in No. Miami Beach for the Dinner. The date is Thurs., Dec. 8, 2011.

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by S. Hayes, to ratify and increase the previously approved deposit of \$200. to \$1125. for the Spanish Monastery.

Motion carried.

There was another discussion of the raffle prize being an airline ticket or the money (\$1500.) Committee will decide.

E.A. Sieber also encouraged the Board to donate door prizes, as last year. She also encourages the Board to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the Committee.

Membership Committee: E.A. Sieber

E.A. Sieber reported that she is composing marketing fliers to encourage Emerald Society membership. Also, suggested the membership application form be updated and amended. There are no new applications for membership to report. She is still trying to track down the "lost" two applications and checks.

Shamrock News: J. McManus

J. McManus reported that the July newsletter will be distributed early – June 22 - as he is going out of town.

New Business:

E.A. Sieber asked about selling advertising space on the website.

Discussion deferred to next Board Mtg.

Pres. Kelly announced that Sean Ferrell is appointed as the Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thurs., July 7, 2011, 7:00 pm, at the Miami Yacht Club.

Motion by H. Ryan, seconded by P. Duffy, to adjourn..

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Judi Tierney Sherry