

Shamrock Club Board Meeting

January 18, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Debbie Kroner

- I. **Minutes from November meeting "Fun Night"**- A motion was made by Tim Sprester and seconded by Kathleen Ryan to accept the minutes. The motion was carried.
- II. **Treasurer's report**- Shawn Hicks reported a balance of \$4056.36. Shawn had prepared an annual report that was distributed to members present at the meeting.
- III. **Membership Report**- Donna Finn was not present to give a report.
- IV. **Old Business-**
 - a. **November Fun Night**- A thank to Kathleen Ryan, Barrie and Mary Monks for a truly fun night.
 - b. **Rotary Lights-**
 - i. **Tree Trimming**- A very well attended event and fun time had by all.
 - ii. **Parade**- Everyone agreed that we had wonderful weather. A big thank you to Jim and Donna Finn for the use of their garage. Also a thank you to Ron and Linda Smith for the use of their trailer for the parade.
 - iii. **Rotary Lights**- Sharon Candahl was not in attendance to report but those in attendance said it is was a lot of fun and a worthy cause.
 - c. **Festival of Nations**- We were well represented by Irish Roses' Pam Smith and Linda Boyle. Both felt that this is a worthwhile event to represent the Irish activities in the area.
 - d. **Christmas Party**- Linda Boyle and Linda Pfaff reported that it was well attended and we had a lot of food donated to the food pantry. Everyone that attended enjoyed the evening. Thank you to Linda B. and Linda P. for all your hard work.
- V. **New Business-**
 - a. **General Meeting Pot Luck February 15, 2012**- The potluck will be held at the Moose Lodge in La Crosse. Vicki Hampe reported that it will be a cash bar and to bring a dish to pass.
 - b. **Mairtin de Cogain Project**- the La Crosse Bantry Sister City Foundation will be sponsoring the Mairtin de Cogain Project on February 16, 2012 at The View Grill & Bar, doors open at 6 p.m. with concert starting at 7 pm. All proceeds will go to help with the Bantry Hospice and the La Crosse Friendship Garden. The Shamrock Club is a sponsor of this event. Let us make an effort to support this worthwhile cause.
 - c. **Mardi Gras Ball**- The Mardi Gras Ball will be held on January 21, 2012 with the family event being held on January 29, 2012.
 - d. **Milwaukee Admirals and Dropkick Murphy Concert**- This will be held on February 24th. Groups of 10 or more will receive a discount.

e. **St Patrick's Day**

- i. **Dinner Dance-** The dinner will be held on March 10, 2010 at The View Grill & Bar. The cost will be \$25 per person. Contact Stephanie Hicks at 526-3541 with any questions. Information will follow in the next Blarney. For entertainment Debbie Kroner will contact The Journeymen and Rod Smith will contact Coulee Celtic.
- ii. **Schools/Nursing Home Tours-** Tom O'Brien said there has been several requests to attend new places. He asked to form a committee to research this and Shiela Slaback offered to help.
- iii. **Parade-** Tim Sprester reported that staging for the parade will begin at 11 am with the parade starting at noon. He also stated that Dublin Square will have a breakfast buffet starting at 9 am. The social after the parade will be held at the Eagles Club with entertainment to be provided by Coulee Celtic, Apple Annies, Amanda's School of Dance, and Happy's Garage to name a few. (Entertainment may change). Also if anyone would like to volunteer the day of the parade please contact Tim Sprester.

f. **Irishfest Sponsorship-** For the past two years the Shamrock Club has donated \$1000 with \$500 going toward the raffle and \$500 for cultural. A motion was made by Linda Smith and seconded by Jim Crothers to continue with this donation. Motion carried.

g. **Shamrock Club Board Search Committee-** The search committee will consist of Debbie Kroner, Linda Smith, and Linda Boyle.

h. **Brat Barn-** Liz Oelke will check with the Onalaska Festival Foods about the weekend of June 30th. Pam Smith will contact the Festival in the Village if needed. Check for details in the future.

i. **Bar Codes-** Shawn Hicks has made a bar code that can be placed at the Shamrock Club booth at Irishfest along with the Cultural Tent to promote the club. In the future we would like to add them to the membership brochure. This will allow potential members to be directed to our website when using a smart phone.

VI. **Other-**

- a. **Memorials-** Eleanor Robinson, 1983 Irish Rose passed away on December 17th. A memorial was sent to First Presbyterian Church of La Crosse.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Hicks, Secretary