

Shamrock Club Board Meeting

April 21, 2020, held via video conferencing.

Meeting was called to order by Bill O'Driscoll at 6:15pm

On Line Board Members:

Char Barton, Barrie Monks, Linda Pfaff, Luke Seielstad, Liz Oelke, Pat Mullaney, Bill O'Driscoll, Kathleen Ryan, Stephanie O'Driscoll and Jess Bumgarner.

Treasurers Report:

Liz informed the group that we currently have \$9030.70 in the checking account and \$503 in the "Garden Account". March had been a crazy month with checks going out and being cashed for events that, due to the current pandemic, did not take place. These include \$500 for the Shane Hennesey concert, \$150 for the St. Patrick's Day Parade and \$325 for the bus tour, it is expected that all amounts will be refunded. A check was also made out to La Crosse Irishfest for \$1000, the status of which was not known at this time.

Membership Report:

Linda Pfaff informed the group that the club currently has 196 members.

We lost one member, Ed Sullivan, in March. a sympathy card was sent on behalf of the club and a check was sent to the children's miracle network as a memorial.

Tom Barton, father to members Pat Barton and Laurie Bolland passed away in March also. a sympathy card to both Pat & Laurie on behalf of club.

Member Jerry Greider's mother passed away in March – a sympathy card from club sent to Jerry

A get well card was sent to member Katie Drury who was diagnosed with Covid 19 in March. She has since successfully recovered,

New Business:

Upcoming Board Elections.

Normally, club elections are held at our May meeting which, this year was scheduled for May 20. As it is very unlikely that a normal meeting will be possible the board have decided that the election will be held via the internet. A Nomination committee headed by Char Barton and including Linda Pfaff and Jess Bumgarner will oversee the election. Bill O'Driscoll will send out an e-mail to members outlining the voting options.

Club Calendar:

Due to the Governors "Safer at Home" order which has been extended to May 26, many events we would have participated in have either been cancelled, delayed or are still in limbo. The board came to the conclusion that due to the state wide order all events in May will be cancelled and the club should act accordingly. Events that are scheduled for early June, such as West Salem June Dairy Days and Sparta Butterfest might take place and the board, in the form of Luke Seielstad, will be monitoring the situation. A motion was made by Kathleen Ryan and seconded by Stephanie O'Driscoll to forgo all May events. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. The calendar for the remainder of the year will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Blood Drive:

Due to the success of the blood drive held in March it was suggested that the club hold another and in fact make this a twice yearly event. The date of September 20 was suggested as this would tie in with any Half Way to St. Patrick's day events taking place. A motion was made by Stephanie O'Driscoll and seconded by Barrie Monks to proceed with this. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously. Further details will be sent out closer to the event date.

After talking to Blood center of Wisconsin, the date of the blood drive has since been changed to Friday September 18 and will, once again, be held at the Onalaska Public Library.

Charitable Donation:

Barrie Monks suggested that, due to the financial success of the recent St. Patrick's Day Dinner, the club finds itself with enough cash reserves to consider making a considerable donation, in this time of need, to a local charity. Various amounts were discussed along with various organizations and it was determined that The Hunger Task Force would be the most beneficial at this time due to a guarantee made by an anonymous donor to match donations up to \$25,000. The outcome of the discussion was a motion made by Kathleen Ryan and seconded by Jess Bumgarner to donate \$2,000 to The Hunger Taskforce here in La Crosse. This motion was voted on and passed. Further discussion on the use of another \$2000 for scholarships was deferred to the next Board meeting.

NOTE: As an afterthought (the next day), it was suggested that the decision made by the board to donate \$2000 should be communicated to the membership for discussion along with the reasoning behind the decision. A motion made by Barrie Monks was e-mailed to the board members to do this. The motion was not seconded.

Brat Barn:

The club has secured the date of July 12 for this year's Brat Barn fund raiser; a deposit has been paid to Festival. Obviously, the current pandemic will have a big influence of whether this event takes place.

Parade Insurance:

Due to what may be a long period without parades the topic of our parade insurance was brought up and whether we need to keep up the policy. It was determined that even with the uncertainty of the times we should keep up the policy, but Liz Oelke was asked to look into different costs of coverage.

Meeting Adjourned:

At 7:40, a motion was made by Luke Seielstad and seconded by Barrie Monks to adjourn. The motion was carried and as such the meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted: Barrie Monks