

SHAMROCK CLUB BOARD MEETING

JULY 5, 2023

BIG AL'S, LA CROSSE

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Tracy Mullaney, Debi McGrury, Dave Burgess, Linda Pfaff, Kathleen Ryan, Elaine McGarry, Kathy Sexauer, Mary Jagim, Mat McGrury.

OTHERS PRESENT– Pari Sexauer, Gerald O’Flaherty, Bill O’Driscoll, Kathy O’Driscoll, Bob McGarry

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Tracy Mullaney, current Board President. Corrections to the April 17th minutes was addressed by Linda Pfaff concerning a motion of \$250 donation to the 2023 Coulee Hoolie Ceile, part of the La Crosse Bantry Friendship Association. Kathleen Ryan motioned to approve the April 17th minutes with corrections, Gerald O’Flaherty seconded it, and the board approved the minutes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

General Meeting July 19, Eagles Club, 6 pm
Irishfest, August 11, 12, 13
Holmen Kornfest Parade, August 19
Steppin’ Out in Pink September 9
Applefest Parade, September 17
General Meeting, September 20, Eagles Club 6 pm (Possible Cruise event after meeting)
JD Oelke Golf, September 24
Oktoberfest Dinner, September 27
Torchlight Parade, September 28
Maple Leaf Parade, September 30
General Meeting, October 18, Eagles Club, 6 pm
General Meeting, November 15, Eagles Club, 6 pm
Rotary Lights Tree Trimming/Annual Farewell Toast (Friendship Gardens)/Pub Jig/Breakfast
Downtown La Crosse November 18
December 6th Christmas Party, donation

MEMBERSHIP

Linda Pfaff stated there are currently 146 members in the Shamrock Club. Two sympathy cards were sent out to (1) Myra Kunert, she and her sister Gloria passed away and (2) Bill Flaherty, his mother passed away. One get well card sent to Sue Miller, she was hospitalized.

MAIN TENT – IRISH FEST

Linda Pfaff proposed the idea for a membership name (full name list) at the membership table in the cultural tent at Irishfest. Members can verify their information on the list at the table. Only members who want their information published will be listed in the Members Only Directory. Kathleen Ryan made a motion to have member name list available for verification at the membership table and Kathy Sexauer seconded it. The board approved the motion.

Linda proposed the idea of having a basket at the table for a drawing for new and renewal members. Board members discussed making the basket attractive with koozies, donations and gifts up to a total of \$100, a free 2024 Shamrock Club membership, and two 2024 St. Patrick Day Dinner Tickets. Debi McGrury offered to design/decorate the basket. Linda Pfaff made a motion to approve the basket for the Irishfest membership table drawing and Mary Jagim seconded it, the board approved the motion.

Tracy Mullaney talked about a picture board of an Irish dance and Leprechaun with a hole in the board for pictures (put your face in the hole) be made for Irishfest. Mary Erickson will make the board, and Tracy Mullaney approved payment for materials to make it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dave Burgess reported a current balance of \$7,316, an increase of \$539 from the beginning of the year. A highlight was an increase of \$1,300 over the projected/budgeted amount of \$4,000 for St. Patrick's Day dinner. Gifts to the Shamrock club included \$580. An Irishfest donation of \$200 was made. A donation of \$100 was approved as a Hole Sponsorship for the JD Oelke Memorial Foundation's Coulee Celtic Cup Golf Outing. The recent Brat Barn had revenue of \$1067, and an increase of \$128 minus costs, to include \$81 in tips. Revenue from the Brat Barn increased \$55 from last year (\$1,148 in 2023 compared to \$1,093 in 2022). Steppin' Out in Pink donation from Shamrock Club is \$100, Ann Nolan is Chair for this event.

A 2023 budget line item for Irish Man and Irish Rose in the amount of \$75 each for VIP participation/support in the Applefest Parade was discussed. Gerald O'Flaherty proposed a motion to increase the budget amount to \$150 each for Irish Man and Irish Rose for VIP participation/support. The extra funds from the St. Patrick's Day dinner gave allowance for this motion. Kathy Sexauer seconded it, and the board approved the motion. Entrance tickets for the Irish Man and Irish Rose are their own responsibility.

A motion for a 2024 donation to the Coulee Hoolie Ceili event by the La Crosse Bantry Friendship Association will be discussed at a future board meeting.

PARADES

Pari Sexauer (2023 Irish Man) stated the **Holmen Kornfest Parade is August 19th**. The parade is a long parade and encouraged people to sign up for volunteering to participate to support the Shamrock Club. Pari has coordinated his Jeep and a trailer.

The **Applefest Parade is September 17th**, is free for non-profit organizations, and Pari will have his Jeep and a trailer available for the parade.

PARADES (continued)

The **Oktoberfest Torchlight Parade is September 28th** and already paid. The **Maple Leaf Parade is September 30th**. A semi-tractor and driver are being provided by Badger Corrugating Company. A flatbed trailer for rent by Fleet XL is \$150/day and 8 cents/mile. Other costs discussed were the Amadans (\$500 already a budgeted line item), and decorations/sound equipment/driver tip in an estimated amount up to \$400 for Oktoberfest Parade support.

Pari mentioned the **Rotary Lights Tree Trim/Annual Farewell Toast and Pub Jig on November 18th** at Friendship Gardens/Irish Garden. A breakfast and pub crawl around downtown will be scheduled. Times and locations TBD.

The **Rotary Lights Parade is on November 24th**.

HISTORIAN, HISTORICAL MEDIA, STORAGE UNIT

Tracy Mullaney stated there are videos, CD Rom drives, and Flash Drives that contain historical documentation of the events of the Shamrock Club. A storage unit is needed, and the documentation needs to be appropriately marked/labeled with names of events/dates/times.

Tracy proposed that a Historian be elected to a position who would help find/coordinate a storage place and appropriately label/mark present and future historical media items.

This discussion item will be tabled and can be discussed at the next meeting.

AUDIT

Dave Burgess (Treasurer), Debi McGrury (Vice President), Kathy Sexauer (Trustee), and Mary Jagim (Trustee), and Mat McGrury (Trustee) discussed the audit.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Pfaff motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, the motion was seconded by Gerald O'Flaherty, voted on, and passed unanimously.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – _____TBD_____

Respectfully Submitted, July 6, 2023

Elaine McGarry, Secretary

