

SHAMROCK CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 17, 2024

EAGLES CLUB, LA CROSSE

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT – Tracy Mullaney, Gerald O’Flaherty (PP), Dave Burgess, Kathy Sexauer, Mary Jagim, Elaine McGarry

OTHERS PRESENT– Mary Erickson, Tina Stuhr, Pari Sexauer, Pat Mullaney, Theresa Wang, Ann Nolan, Angela O’Flaherty, Jean Burgess, Pat Houlihan, Steve Korger

The meeting was called to order at 6:000 pm by Tracy Mullaney, current Board President. Pat Houlihan motioned to approve the November minutes, Jean Burgess seconded, and the motion carried forward with member approval.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 17, Bowling, Coulee Golf Bowl, 2-4 pm, dinner and short general meeting to follow

March 9, Shamrock Club Dinner, Cedar Creek, 5 pm Social, 6:30 Dinner, Whiskey Tasting/Raffles

March 14, Trolley Tour, 8 am – 3:30 pm

March 16, Irish Fest Parade and Celebration at Freighthouse at noon

March 19, Blood Drive, Onalaska Library

March 23, La Crosse-Bantry Friendship Association Coulee Hoolie Ceili, AL Post 52, 5 pm

No General Meeting in March

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ann Nolan reported 120 current members with 2024 renewal memberships and 31 members remaining for renewal. The cost for a 2024 membership renewal is \$20 per person. You can update your personal information and information for renewal is online at

<https://www.shamrockclublax.org>. Linda Pfaff is our membership chair, and she appreciated the get-well card.

TREASURER’S REPORT (2024 Budget Presentation)

Dave Burgess reported a current balance of \$7,649. The balance includes \$1,600 of the budgeted \$2,600 membership dues for 2024. Revenue exceeded budget by \$4,086 with main contributors of St. Pat’s (dinner, raffle, and silent auction) and Christmas party raffles of \$2,400, and unbudgeted gifts of \$675. Expenses exceeded budget by \$651, unbudgeted but approved expenses included Shamrock float of \$928 and Cassie & Maggie concert of \$220. Other cash costs were under budget by \$497. Added budget lines relating to our mission statement and promotion of Irish culture and heritage include \$500 for scholarships and \$500 for sponsorship to the Cultural Tent (Titanic theme for 2024) at Irishfest, Irish entertainers and/or activities. The budget includes \$2,000 for one-time expenses of an all-weather float cover and modifications/suspension work (\$200) (labor donated by Pari Sexauer) for ease of transportation and weather protection. A \$100 new budget item for the La Crosse-Bantry Friendship Association Coulee Hoolie Ceili fundraiser (caller/musicians), which is in line with other charities such as Steppin’ Out in Pink and the JD Oelke Memorial Golf Tournament. Gerald O’Flaherty motioned to approve the 2024 budget, Mary Jagim seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Gerald O'Flaherty, Pat Mullaney, and Tracy Mullaney took down the tree and decorations for the Rotary Lights and gave to Mark Barton to store.

Thank you to Sue Crothers for her hard work and dedication in organizing the annual Christmas party. We had 72 attendees this year and made \$1,254 in the raffles. Jean Burgess and Debi McGrury were instrumental in making many of the baskets. Jean and Debi volunteered to organize it this year, date is December 4, 2024. At the Christmas party, Gerald O'Flaherty was chosen for 2024 Irishman and Mary Erickson was chosen for 2024 Irish Rose.

Tracy Mullaney stated there is no volunteer for the Blarney newsletter, but Cheryl Byers has volunteered to be the Shamrock Club Archivist. Tracy commented that we do have a current storage unit.

NEW BUSINESS

Bowling on **February 17** at Coulee Region Bowling, Onalaska, from 2-4 pm, 9 pin tip rules, dinner, and short meeting to follow. Ann Nolan motioned to have a general meeting at the bowling alley, Jean Burgess seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Irish dinner on **March 9** at Cedar Creek, Onalaska, to honor 2024 Irishman Gerald O'Flaherty and 2024 Irishrose Mary Erickson. Social hour at 5 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm, whiskey tasting, baskets, and raffle. Baskets, auction items, and basket coordinator are needed, please contact Tracy Mullaney. RSVP by February 13 to Tracy Mullaney with menu choice (chicken, salmon, corned beef), \$30/pp, check payable to Shamrock Club.

Trolley Tour on **March 14**, 8 am – 3:30 pm, traveling to 6 locations (3 schools/3 assisted living locations). Rick Pervisky has agreed to be our traveling entertainer and Tracy has some leads for Irish dancers. Amanda's Academy of Dance will not be participating this year. Tracy will follow up with more details

Irish Parade on **March 16**, white carriage/music for 2024 Irishman and Irishrose, members walk (short parade 7-10 blocks), Irish celebration after parade (noon) at the Freighthouse with music from the Amadan's and corned beef sandwiches.

Blood Drive on **March 19** at Onalaska Library, need registration volunteer, contacts for information are Bill O'Driscoll (billodriscoll@msn.com) or Linda Boyle (celttrad@gmail.com).

La Crosse-Bantry Friendship Association Coulee Hoolie Ceili on **March 23** at the American Legion Post 52, 5 pm (music/dancing/raffles/corned beef dinner).

NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURNMENT

Ann Nolan motioned to adjourn the meeting and Pat Mullaney seconded the motion, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned by Tracy Mullaney at 6:36 pm. Next meeting will follow the bowling/dinner at Coulee Region Bowling in Onalaska on February 17 and there is no general meeting in March.

Respectfully submitted, Elaine McGarry, Secretary, January 18, 2024