

# SHAMROCK CLUB GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 18, 2023

## EAGLES CLUB, LA CROSSE

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** – Tracy Mullaney, Debi McGrury, Matt McGrury, Dave Burgess, Linda Hoehn, Kathy Sexauer, Bill O’Driscoll (PP), Elaine McGarry

**OTHERS PRESENT**– Pari Sexauer, Ann Nolan, Jean Burgess, Bob McGarry, Sue Crothers, Sharon Candahl, Theresa Wang, Dennis Love, Whitey Hoehn, Becky Seielstad, Luke Seielstad, Cheryl Byers, Pam Smith, Kelly Smith, Ken Birnbaum, Pat Mullaney

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Tracy Mullaney, current Board President. Luke Seielstad motioned to approve the September minutes, Dave Burgess seconded, and the motion carried forward with member approval.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Halloween Party October 28<sup>th</sup>, Eagles Club

General Meeting, November 15, Eagles Club, 6 pm

Rotary Lights Tree Trimming/Annual Farewell Toast (Friendship Gardens)/Pub Jig/Breakfast  
La Crosse November 18,

Rotary Parade November 24<sup>th</sup> at dusk

Celtic Concert on The Main, November 30<sup>th</sup>

December 6<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party, Freighthouse, La Crosse, Social Hour 5 pm

### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Debi McGrury reported 155 current members with 2 new members, Dennis Love and Theresa Wang. Dave Burgess sent memorial check for \$50 for Ruth Kerska, the Irish Rose in 2003, she passed away on October 6<sup>th</sup> at age 97.

### TREASURER’S REPORT

Dave Burgess reported a current balance of \$6,183. The account balance includes 2024 membership payments totaling \$1,080. Budgeted expenses but not yet paid include annual website fees, some 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary expenses, and Pub Jig prizes. The positive cash flow generated from the Christmas Party raffles should pay for these other remaining expenses. The Maple Leaf Parade float truck rental cost was donated by Badger Corrugating. The Celtic Concert on the Main donation approved at the September General Meeting has not been paid. The donation amount was approved up to \$500. The actual donation amount will be determined by ticket sales. Linda Hoehn motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Pari Sexauer seconded, the motion carried forward with member approval.

### OLD BUSINESS

Tracy Mullaney gave a generous thank you to Pari Sexauer for all his hard work on the reconstruction of our new parade float and his dynamite oratory microphone skills during the parades! Others to be commended are the wonderful driver for the Oktoberfest Parade, Debi McGrury for light decorating at the Torchlight Parade, Al Seielstad for being an excellent Clancy, and all the members who provided awesome teamwork and cooperation to make both parades a great success!

Tracy Mullaney advocated for future indoor storage space with cement floor for our parade float. The float is currently stored in an enclosed barn owned by friends of the Mullaney's.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Halloween Party is Saturday, **October 28<sup>th</sup>** at the Eagles Club with Dr. Rock, please wear a costume.

The next general meeting is set for **November 15<sup>th</sup>**, Eagles Club, 6 pm. Please bring your Christmas basket raffle items to the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Debi McGrury and Jean Burgess are working on putting the raffle baskets together. Food and cash donations are accepted!

Events following the general meeting are the Annual Rotary Tree Decoration, Annual Farewell Toast, and Pub Jig on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**. Sharon Candahl is the point of contact for Rotary Volunteers for the Shamrock Club. We currently have 6 volunteers in the 29<sup>th</sup> year of volunteering by the Shamrock Club to get the Irish heritage out in the community. Linda Boyle will embellish our tree with decorations celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shamrock Club. Decorating will begin around 9:30 am, then activities will commence with the Annual Farewell Toast (Friendship Gardens), and Pub Jig (Pub crawl) starting at noon in downtown La Crosse. Ann Nolan is the point of contact, and she is getting T-Shirts printed. Shirt color is Kelly green with lettering in orange and white representing the colors of the Irish flag, cost is \$13 and available in unisex sizes, small – 3XL.

The Rotary Parade at dusk is **November 24<sup>th</sup>**, Tracy Mullaney stated using Pari Sexauer's truck with lighting would be sufficient for the parade since it is only 7 blocks long.

The Celtic Concert at The Main is **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, tickets are \$15.00, point of contact is Kathleen Ryan.

The Christmas Party/Dinner is **December 6<sup>th</sup>** at the Freighthouse, social hour begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner, raffle prizes, and basket drawings. Cost of the dinner is \$35. The new Irish Rose and Irish Man will be chosen at this event. Come and celebrate with your Irish friends! Please send photos of club events to Debi McGrury.

### **MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES**

- (1) Blarney Newsletter (bi-monthly)
- (2) Memory Book
- (3) Historian, Historical Media, Storage Unit

Please contact Tracy Mullaney if you are interested in any of these opportunities to maintain the history of our Irish Man, Irish Rose, and club events.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Luke Seielstad motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6.45 pm, the motion was seconded by Pat Mullaney, and motion carried forward to adjournment.

Respectfully Submitted, October 19, 2023  
Elaine McGarry, Secretary