

## Shamrock Club General Meeting

February 19, 2020, held at The Onalaska Legion

Meeting was called to order by Pat Mullaney at 6:15pm

### Attendance:

**Members:** Linda Pfaff, Luke Seielstad, Kathy Spelker, Pricilla Shih, Dennis O'Brien, Rose Dublin, Chad Tamke, Pat Stephens, Ron & Linda Smith, Jim & Sue Crothers, Patrick & Tracy Mullaney, Erin Liss, Sharon Candahl, Christopher & Joanne Streeton, Jane Brannan, Finnian Cullen, Ken & Donna Birnbaum, Stephanie O'Driscoll and Barrie Monks.

**Changes to Agenda:** No changes required.

**January Minutes:** A motion was made by Luke Seielstad and seconded by Dennis O'Brien to accept the minutes from the January 15, 2019 meeting. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liz Oelke informed the meeting that the club has \$8,245 in the general account and \$503 in the "Garden" account, there were outgoings of \$468 since the last meeting and we have received a check for \$225 from Rotary Lights. A motion was made by Linda Pfaff and seconded by Dennis O'Brien to accept the treasurers report. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

**Membership Report:** Linda Pfaff reported that The Club currently now has 194 paid up members with the inclusion of new members Christopher and Joanne Streeton, who were present and introduced to the membership. Unfortunately, our number was reduced with the passing of Marion McKenzie in February.

### Old Business:

#### 2020 Budget:

The 2020 budget was handed out to the membership for approval. The membership were asked if they had any questions or comments prior to a vote of acceptance. None were forthcoming and a proposal was made by Stephanie O'Driscoll to accept the budget as written. The motion was approved by Dennis O'Brien, voted on and accepted unanimously.

#### Calendar:

February 29 – Irish Man's Luncheon, 2:00pm at Dublin Square.  
March 7 – St. Patrick's Day Dinner, 5:00pm, Cedar Creek, Onalaska.  
March 9 /13 - "Where's Clancy" Competition, various times and locations.  
March 12 – We Banjo 3 Concert, 7:00pm, Temple Theater, Viroqua.  
March 14 – St. Patrick's Day Parade, 12:00pm, Downtown La Crosse.  
March 16 – Shamrock Club Blood Drive, 1:00 – 6:00pm, Onalaska Public Library.  
March 17 – St. Patrick's Day Bus Tour, Start time and Kick-Off location TBA.  
March 23 - The Titanic Story, A talk by Tom Pahs, 9:30am at the La Crosse Public Library.  
March 25 – The Irish Potato Famine, A talk by Professor Ken Schonk, 6:00pm, La Crosse Public Library.  
March 28 - 5<sup>th</sup>. Annual Coulie Houlie Ceili, Time and Location TBA.  
April 15 - Shane Hennesey concert.  
April 20 - Board Meeting, 6:15pm at a location to be determined.  
May 16 - Road Bowling.

**Further details on all events will be sent out via e-mail prior to each event.**

**BBBB Bake Sale:**

Linda Pfaff represented the club at the bake sale and raised \$100 on the sale of her cookies. All the money raised will be donated to local charities.

**We Banjo 3 Raffle:**

Ron and Linda Smith were the winners of the two tickets to see Wee banjo 3 in Viroqua. Once again, many thanks to Mark Dennis for donating them.

**Steppin Out In Pink:**

During the last Steppin Out In Pink Campaign, The Shamrockers, Led by Linda Pfaff took second place in the Community Team category as well as two club members taking individual awards. Along with taking second place in the Community Team section, the two club members who took individual awards were Linda Boyle - 1st Place Most Donations Raised by an Individual Walker and Grace Schroeder - 2nd place Highest Individual Donation.

**Rotary Lights:**

Sharon Caldahl thanked all those club members who donated their time to working on the rotary lights display.

**New Business:****Shane Hennesey Concert:**

Details of the concert were presented to the membership by Pat Stephens, the concert will be funded jointly by Shamrock Club, Bantry and Irishfest to the tune of \$500 each. The concert will be held at the Onalaska Legion. It had previously been suggested by the Shamrock Club Board that the concert should be free to all with donations accepted at the door which would then be given to The La Crosse Hunger Taskforce. The question was put to the membership, should the concert be free. A motion was made by Stephanie O'Driscoll in favor of a free concert. The motion was seconded by Finn Cullen and approved unanimously.

**Bratt Barn:**

Liz Oelke brought up the point that we had not yet set a date for the annual Bratt Barn fundraiser and that, seeing as the opening day for getting dates has passed, we might not be able to get a favorable date. After some discussion it was determined for Liz to get the best date available and then put the date to the membership for approval.

**Road Bowling:**

The next Road Bowling event is scheduled for May 16 and will be held in Shelby at The Mormon Coulee Park. More information will be made available closer to the date. Char Barton announced that Driftless Road Bowling will be holding a design competition for a logo and there will be a prize for the winner. It was suggested by Linda Pfaff that some time in the future, a road bowling tournament could be held between the three La Crosse Irish Groups.

**Coulee Celtic Cup Golf Challenge**

The 2020 Coulee Celtic Cup will once again be held at Drugan's. The date is tentatively set for September 13. Further details should be available at the March 7 St. Patrick's Day Dinner.

**Next Meeting:**

TBD, due to conflict with Shane Hennesey concert.

**A motion was made by Luke Seielstad and seconded by Linda Pfaff to adjourn. The motion was voted on and carried unanimously, as such the meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:** Barrie Monks.