

May minutes

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Emerald Society of Wisconsin  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
May 4 , 2009

I. Call to Order: President Isely called the meeting to order and led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was noted that the Executive Board had met prior to the General Membership meeting. All significant information from that session is incorporated in these minutes. Motions and second to the motion are recorded as they occurred at the Board meeting unless otherwise noted. At general meeting

II. Roll Call of Officers and Board of Directors:

Officers present:

President John Isely  
President Elect Ken Donovan  
Vice President Tom Fischer  
Secretary Mark Rooney  
Past President Pete Fleming (late)

Board of Directors Present

John Harrington  
Elizabeth Hanson  
Carolann Glassmaker (late)

III. President's Report: John Isely

1. John welcomed two new board members; Harrington and Glassmaker.  
2. John nominated Steve Roufus to take vacant board seat due to Finnegan's resignation. No discussion ensued, nomination passed on unanimous voice vote.  
3. Isely thanked Pete Fleming for his service as President for the past year. A round of applause was received for Fleming.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Kelly Lynch

1. Kelly excused due to family emergency.  
2. Copies of her report were forwarded to the meeting and distributed.  
3. Brendan Heart final \$6,391.83  
4. Fleming to present check at later date due to Kelly Lynch absence.  
5. Treasurer report made available to general membership. Some discussion regarding Brendan Heart Fundraiser ensued. Sanfillipo moved to accept the minutes, Hanson seconded, motion carried.

V. Secretary's Report: Mark Rooney

1. Reading of the minutes of previous meeting waived. Motion by Hanson, seconded by Mckale, carried.  
2. Correction to March meeting minutes: John Isely was present as President-Elect having succeeded Mary Jo Hughes (resigned) in accordance with the bylaws (leaving position of Vice-President temporarily vacant).  
3. Correction to March meeting minutes: Ad Hoc committee was formed do explore method of payment at door of Brendan Fundraiser, not regarding membership issues.

VI. Correspondence:

Outgoing - Letter sent to Auxiliary Bishop Calahan offering him the Chaplain  
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position. Offer was accepted by him.

Doubletree Patrick's Day parades. Thank you sent to Jeffrey Welk, General Manager of the Hotel for providing the shuttle bus at the St.

work Received - Resignation e-mail received from Trustee John Finnegan. Due to schedule interference, Finnegan did not feel he could keep his commitment to the board and offer proper thereby cheating the Society Resignation  
participation and input, out of a "full working board".  
effective May 4, 2009.

VII. Membership: Kelly Treece

1. Kelly Treece excused due to injury.
2. New members- Jim Blask, Ex-Milwaukee County DA. Mary Culver, Randal Harteau, both Associate Members sponsored by Pete Fleming. Both accepted on unanimous voice vote. Associate Members announced to membership, no objections heard.

VIII. Quartermaster: John Mallon

1. John excused due to being out of town.
2. Sweatshirt orders were reported to be in.
3. Announcement made to see Dawn Fleming regarding special order sweatshirts. A new design polo shirt available to order after meeting.

IX. Activities

St. Patrick's Day - Ken Donovan

1. Report given as it appears in the Bard.
2. Thank you to members who came out and walked or drove squads, etc.
3. Request more participation next year. Said members who came this year had fun.
4. Thanked members for honor of Irish Person of the Year.
5. Notice to mark calendar for next year, 50th Anniversary of Shamrock Club should be big event.

Dinner Dance - Carolann Glassmaker

1. Tentative hold on Wisconsin Club. Good Prices, but \$10,000 minimum on Saturdays in Grand Ballroom.
2. Checking on other options.
3. At Board Meeting, Hanson moved to have flexibility to find a date for the Italian Community Center. Fleming seconded. Passed.
4. Informal poll reveals DJ is popular for entertainment. Leaning toward this option.
5. Request by committee for old photos of past Emerald Society events to put together slide show.
6. Fleming requests prices for table sponsorships for event.
7. Announced change of date to general membership.

X. Old Business

Associate membership

1. Isely moves to remove lines from by-laws "the names of persons... such information to the membership committee. Fischer seconds. Passed.

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Irish Fest

1. Date of drivers meeting was discussed. July Smith will be sending out letters in July to those who have helped in the past. Drivers meeting the Sunday before Fest.

NCLEES Raffle

1. Three tickets left. Fleming suggests offering to membership Society buying them.

XI. New Business

1. Vacant Trustee seat - Filled by Steve Roufus. Isely gives appreciation received. to prior board members. A round of applause

2. Chaplaincy - Filled by Most Reverend William P. Calahan. Announced at general meeting. Bob Donovan spoke in support of new Chaplain. He requested a large turn out for September meeting to show support for Chaplain and thank him.

3. Run/walk - Isely volunteered as Team Captain. He is hoping for 50 participants to raise \$1,000. Isely moves for Society to put \$100 on overview of last year team, seconded by Fleming, passed. Provided Registration online for event. Team webpage under meeting.

Free entrance to Irish Fest for participants. Over \$100 sponsorship equals entrance in drawing at Fest.

4. Domain Renewal - Fischer moves to renew for 20 yr. period, seconded by Hanson, passed.

5. Plaque presented to Lt. Dan Schmerse for retirement from MPD after 25 years of service, 1984-2009.

6. Isely talked about membership and recruiting. Suggested having applications available at events such as parades or Irish Fest. Glassmaker asked about having recruiting flyers for PD's etc. Ken Donovan read list of past due members names to membership hoping s someone could contact them and encourage them to renew.

XII. Other Business

1. Gary Byers announced that the Greater Milwaukee Fire and Police Pipes and Drums would be at Brochach's Pub in Madison following the police memorial on May 8 in case any members wanted to join them for refreshments.

2. Dawn Fleming announced that there were 4 NYPD officers at the Bluemound parade and 1 requested a sweatshirt.

3. Announcement made that a child of an Atlantic Wave member is help with seriously ill and has major expenses. A request was made to Raffle items needed. a fundraiser picnic for the child in Ixonia.

4. Sanfillipo spoke about National Police Week in D.C. Requested a \$50 fee for the meeting be paid by the Society .

5. Doug Byers reported that the e-mail edition of the Bard is doing well and that the snail mail version is way down.

6. Peter Pfau stated that he was at a hockey game in another city and noticed that their Emerald Society was selling merchandise. He suggested we do something similar, also wondered about sponsoring a softball team to get our name out in the community. An exploratory committee was formed Peter Pfau to chair.

XII. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn Board Meeting by Isely, seconded by Donovan.

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2. Motion to adjourn General Membership meeting by Gary Byers,  
seconded by multiple members.