**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**

**Spring 2012 Members: Pres. Ed Modglin, Treas. Dick McGuin, Vice Pres. Bob O'Hern, Secretary Ed Kelly,**

**Bill McCarthy, Mike O'Connell, Tim Schuck, Tony Schmid, Clark Williams**

**FSOSP Board Meeting for Mon., Jan. 28, 2013**

**Location**

 Mickle Center, 1620 Pleasant, Des Moines, IA, 50314 (515) 277-SONS

**Call to Order**  6:08 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: none

**Treasurer's Report**  Approved...overall balance $25,197

 Notably, the Prize Committee has decreased raffle expenses about $500 and increased income about $100 over the past year. Some (one) considered a letter of praise to the committee chair; no action was taken.

**Members Input/Forum** No non-board owners attended.

**Discussion & Reports**

\*General agreement that the Scottish Ale had a very "perky" picture of a lass on the label.

\*Re the city's billings for the 2010 and 2011 parades: We will pay the 2010 bill ($2649) now as a good-faith gesture and cover the rest later.

\*Current parade details:

 ...Graffiti permit is again needed as we are marking the streets in the staging area.

 ...Rehashed the Jan. 23 meeting with the city, griping about the lack of police effectiveness with the crowd (plus their unwillingness to eject floats), the lack of support/money from the city or DM businesses

 ...Route change is apparently approved, though

\*Fencing input from Modglin & McCarthy: Two miles (106 rolls) of green snow fencing, with pylons (channelers?), is available for purchase from multiple sources in prices ranging from $5000 to almost $9000. Both will look into a final decision to be made at the Feb. board meeting.

\*General agreement that the Beaverdale Parade App. is a good model and Kelly will adapt that to our use. The

 current FSOSP website app will be pulled while this is done. There will be a short delay for Kelly in doing this...(something vague about margaritas, or somesuch)

\*Board agreed to having face-to-face meetings with all parade applicants. Kelly will arrange for 3 opportunities for

 all to pick from. Entrants must attend one meeting for the "lecture" on rules and submit apps and money

 at that time. No online registering without a meeting will be allowed. Proposed meeting dates are:

 Tues., Feb. 19 / Thurs., Feb. 28 (both at 7 p.m.) / and Sat., Mar. 9 at 1 p.m.; all at the Marriott.

\*Queen selection will be made at 6 p.m. on Mar. 7 with the usual interview process at the Mickle Center. Board officers plus Schuck will vote.

\*Marshal discussion included mention of these possibilities: I-Cubs theme (Cubby, Bernabe, Gartner); also a RAGBRAI theme (Karras, Kaul, Offenburger). No decision was made.

\*Nominees are needed for Irishman of the Year, though an initial push was discussed for Jeff Horn.

\*Progress is being made on the "yearbook" and T-Bone mentioned his intent to push for completion at the February and March meetings.

\*Board election ballots will be amended to include a "write-in" blank. Many expressed dismay at the inclusion of

 two relatively uninvolved members in the list. The by-laws indicate that both a nomination period & vote

 should take place at the Jan. meeting. Kelly suggested we amend the by-laws to indicate nominations in Jan. and voting in February. No decision was made. However, all agreed the duties of the board members should be spelled out clearly in the next Blarney.

\*A meeting with the Downtown Comm. Alliance is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 6 at 1:30 at offices at 700 Locust.

 Several board members will try to attend with Modglin.

\*Modglin announced the next meeting with the city will be Feb. 27 at 10:30.

\*O'Hern related that the Challenger League (one of our donees) is "going strong," thanks to support & funding like ours.

\*The fall bike ride is set for Sept. 21 (currently with the same route & program structure).

\*The March meeting is set for the Marriott on Monday, March 11. Good beer is assured by Maureen Geis, the catering manager.

**Action Items**

\*Find queen & marshal candidates / \*revise parade app / \*set entrant meeting dates / \*select Irishman of the Year

\*Purchase fencing / \*meet with the Downtown Comm. Alliance to discuss support

**Adjournment** At8:42 p.m., an attempt was made, and then after random afterthoughts on selling club shit at the

 reception, final adjournment (to Carl's) occurred at 8:52.

 **Next Meeting: Mon., Feb. 25, 2013**