**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**

**Spring 2013 Members: Pres. Bob O'Hern, Treas. Tim Schuck, Vice Pres. Mike O'Connell, Secretary Ed Kelly,**

**Bill McCarthy, Mike Murphy, Jim O'Donnell, Tony Schmid, Bree Young**

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

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

**Call to Order**  6:16 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: none

**Treasurer's Report**  Approved...overall balance of $31,425

Year's inflow was $66,700 and donations will come in at about $14,500 ytd (similar to past years' totals)

**Members & Visitors Input/Forum** No non-board members attended.

**Discussion & Reports**

Following a presentation of the finer points of deer hunting/butchering, discussion began:

\*Recent events:

*Picnic on Oct. 6* was sparsely attended. It may become a board outing (with past pres.? queens?) or dropped

*Bottle pickup plans*...Kelly called and/or emailed all on the list who still needed a bottle from the Halfway to St. Pat's Bike Ride and informed them of the 3 pickup days/places (Nov. 6, 10, 12). That info was put on the website, as well.

\*Christmas dinner plans:

Irish beers, Belleek china, dancers, Santa, and Kelly's Clan are all lined up for the Top of the Tower on Dec. 9. Cocktails begin at 6 with dinner to follow. Reservations will start at the next meeting and deadline is Wed., Dec. 4.

\*Fundraiser updates (both received Sons' donations):

Kelly's HCI dance event for Hospice was on track for the following Friday & Cornerpiece Kids event was a big success for Modglin's group.

\*Parade plans:

Volunteers will begin signing up this month to help Modglin with the Monday parade next March. New meters are on the street by Exile Brew. Proposed plan that day is to have a 7 a.m. flagraising at Sully's, then 8 a.m. breakfast at the Marriott.

\*Donations:

Motions were made to donate $1000 each to Operation Smile, House of Mercy, and Holy Family School

\*November meeting plans:

T-Bone will check with the Mickle folks on getting the broken stove fixed. Chili is planned for the meal.

\*Kelly brought up a previously-discussed idea to challenge the DM Italian community to a sports match:

Ideas... wiffle ball, instead of softball? at Miracle League Field? set a minimum age of 30 or 35? have a "mercy rule" in place? to raise money, have players get sponsors to pay per run scored?

O'Hern will check on concession rules and availability at Miracle League

Board will start looking for the best Italian cultural heritage group to approach...?

**Adjournment** 7:35 p.m.

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