**Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**

**Spring 2013-14 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., Mar. 31, 2014**

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

**Call to Order**  6:06 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: Schuck

**Treasurer's Report**  Delayed; treasurer absent

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

 **Discussion & Reports**

**\*Christmas dinner** is contracted for same place, schedule, music on Dec. 8

**\*Parade results**: There were 81 paid floats/ 93 total. Post-event meeting with the city will be in April. No complaints received and all seemed smooth except more safety vests are needed and will be ordered (O'Connell) and the 8th/Grand end spot needs more crowd control (police).

**\*Run results**: Almost 500 participated and event was well-run with lots of compliments. Need better signage at the 5K/10K route split and Sully's is offering to add kybos and a stage/sound system for next year. Board felt a "12 & under" runner class should be offered.

**\*Leprechaun Open** is planned for June 7. O'Connell boys are doing the trophies.

**\*Disc Open** is planned for Aug. 2 and the entry prize discs have been ordered. Some interest expressed for moving the event earlier, perhaps in May.

**\*Bike ride** is set for Sept. 20, regardless of the Beaverfest and college games. Some conversation about the advantages to changing it in 2015, to a start/finish at Sully's.

**\*Dues payment** needs to be tackled. PR in the Blarney will highlight that payment is due now. In the future, mailings will stress payment in January each year.

**\*Member database**: Kelly expressed an interest in creating a master db for member information. None exists currently.

**\*Contributions**: Board approved $1000 to Amanda the Panda June 28 bike ride and $1500 to June 27 O'Donnell and Friends Open.

Menu (corned beef) and beer duties were discussed.

**Adjournment** 7:22 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Mon., April 28, 2014**