**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., Oct. 27, 2014**

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

**Call to Order**  6:04 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: Murphy

**Treasurer's Report**  Approved...overall balance $26,710 (up about $1000)

Details...Bike ride produced $6950 with expenses of $1910... huzzah!

A credit card for the club is active now. A recent CMA concert sales table effort netted $15.

**Members & Visitors Input/Forum**

None

**Discussion & Reports**

\*Christmas Dinner:

Kelly reported that the Holiday Inn Downtown contract will follow last year's arrangement. Menu is the same with no price increase. McCarthy has ordered ornaments (at a better price than last year) plus a "surprise" for the ladies. He or Kelly will try to reach the dancing group for a performance. Board approved $50 towards a dressed Christmas tree to be used yearly & ornamented with Irish geegaws.

\*Mentor IA "Adopt a Family" Program:

The Sons will adopt a family again this year and Jim & Terrie O'Donnell will shop for the kids...approx. $75/child. Money for the program will come from the $500 donated back to the club by HCI Hopices's CEO Norene Mostkoff.

\*Donations:

House of Mercy ($1000), Best Buddies ($1000), Holy Family School ($1000)

No Operation Smile donations will be made again because administrative costs are too high.

\*A new parade chairman is needed and the board will actively search for a volunteer. In the meantime, board members Schuck and T-Bone will be in charge for 2015. The route and overall plan will continue as last year. O'Hern said more sponsors are needed for next year, as well.

\*An effort will be made to work in some culinary understudies to help McCarthy and eventually take over the chef duties for the club. A mystery man is already line up to assist.

\*November's meeting will feature "award-winning" chili and Schuck will handle the beer duty.

**Adjournment** 7:01 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Mon., Nov. 24, 2014**