**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., Sept. 29, 2014**

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

**Call to Order**  6:11 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: None

**Treasurer's Report**  Approved...overall balance $27,420

Details...standing O for the Prize Committee and its superb financials in recent months.

**Members & Visitors Input/Forum**

None

**Discussion & Reports**

\*O'Connell reported that the Bike Ride was a modest success. Rider numbers were up (75) and the participant gifts of "hi-res" vests were a hit. Many remain and will be sold to members for $15. Money was still being processed, but it appeared the ride produced a $4000 profit.

\*Jim O'Donnell reported that he and HCI's Jane Flanagan had submitted a grant proposal for $10,000 to Prairie Meadows in hopes of receiving money to defray our increasing "public safety" expenses for the annual St. Pat's parade. A decision on the grant will be sometime in coming months. We have two proponents (Bob Myers and Jerry Deegan) on the board.

\*Upcoming Kiwanis Miracle League event on Oct. 11 needs club volunteers. McCarthy is ordering shirts for participants.

\*Kelly expressed a need for auction donations from the club for the 28th annual benefit for HCI Hospice Care Services on Nov. 7. All proceeds go to HCI in the name of the Friendly Sons.

\*The board voted unanimously to give $1,500 towards the HCI benefit event. Also, $50 was sent to the William R. Bliss Cancer Center in Ames in memory of Dr. Joe Rhoades. Additionally, $250 was awarded to the Plymouth Grounds Fundraiser to be held Oct. 11.

\*Kelly cautioned that we may want to be prepared for awkward parade apps from groups such as LGBT organizations, which is a growing national issue. It's important to make sure we have specific wording in place to defend any decisions we make.

\*Kelly suggested we look into having a charity sports face-off with other ethnic DM groups, such as the Italian-Americans. No plans are in place at this time.

\*McCarthy indicated that new rugby shirts would be available in November for $55. Orders will be taken at the October meeting.

\*Kelly will contact the catering people at Holiday Inn Downtown to get an indication of current meal costs for our annual Christmas dinner there and report at the November board meeting.

\*Meal (brats, potato salad, beans) and refreshment duties for the coming meeting were decided.

**Adjournment** 7:37 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Mon., Oct. 27, 2014**