

# **Friendly Sons of St. Patrick**

Spring 2015 Members: Pres. Mike O'Connell, Vice Pres. Tim Schuck, Treas. Mike Murphy, Secretary Ed Kelly,  
Mike Dennis, Bill McCarthy, Jim O'Donnell, Tony Schmid, Bree Young

## **FSOSP Board Meeting for Mon., Apr. 27, 2015**

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

**Call to Order** 6:02 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: none

**Treasurer's Report** Approved...overall balance \$23,900

Details...parade looks to have about broken even. Schuck will still be official treasurer until after taxes filed.

**Members & Visitors Input/Forum**

Greg Edwards / Catch Des Moines rep

## **Discussion & Reports**

\*Meeting began with desultory humor about aging and O'Connell's 54th birthday.

\*Edwards was here to discuss the city's stance on the NCAA conflict with next year's St. Pat's parade.

About 15-20,000 NCAA people are expected and city services will be stretched thin, making the parade a particular headache. He noted that the parade would receive special focus and be a desirable Friday activity for all who are visiting if we switched to that day. The city would be willing to contribute \$10,000 to our expenses. Game times are still TBD.

After his visit, the board consensus was in favor of compliance, noting the financial offer and the fact that the city could easily just deny us a permit if we didn't cooperate. All felt it important to not let the city see this as a future, repeatable request.

McCarthy was directed to meet with a select group of the "old guard" to get them on board with this controversial decision to change the date of the parade.

\*Parade notes: The city was generally happy with the event this year. We will establish a "corral" to de-stage on 8th from Grand to Locust. No people will be allowed to congregate there & the floats will cease all music/candy activities. The police will work to fix "lag" problems at the 3 red light intersections on MLK.

\*5K/10K Run

"Thank you's" were received from the two HS scholarship winners. Schuck said we need to change the billing methods so that Leonhart isn't dealing with multi-thousand dollar personal payments.

\*O'Donnell presented details of this year's 22nd Annual O'Donnell & Friends Open on June 26 at Toad Valley. The board approved a donation of \$1500 to the event which is to benefit Link Associates.

\*Irish Open will be held May 9 (early this year) and all plans/volunteers are in place.

\*Ditto for the Leprechaun Open on June 6. Entry fee is again \$65. We are still looking into the "meal only" option.

\*Bike Ride will be Sept. 19. McCarthy presented two colored samples of a proposed dry weave shirt to offer participants. Former Queen Connie will be approached about a design. A modified banner and raffle tickets are needed and O'Connell with contact Allegra Printing.

\*Donation of \$500 approved for Miracle League. Members will be asked if there is interest in volunteering to help at a couple of games this season.

\*O'Connell proposed we consider sponsoring a hole at the new disc golf course at the city's Prospect Park.

He will study it further to find an appropriate amount and some suggested we could move our Irish Open event to that course eventually.

\*McCarthy noted that meat costs are climbing, but said we should expect steak, baked potatoes, salad & bread at the May meeting. T-Bone is handling the beer.

**Adjournment** 7:58 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Mon., May 31, 2015**