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., Mar. 30, 2015

LocationMickle Center, 1620 Pleasant, Des Moines, 1A, 50314 (515) 277-SONSCall to Order6:29 p.m.Roll CallA quorum was present. Missing: O'Donnell, Murphy, YoungTreasurer's ReportApproved...overall balance \$27,195

Details...parade income/costs still in flux

Members & Visitors Input/Forum

None

Discussion & Reports

*Recent parade:

Financials indicate we are about breaking even.

Changes discussed: get Smithson schedule ironed out; allow more room for some entries; possibly add another half lane on MLK for staging traffic safety; add sand bags for channelizers (more money for Bonnie then?); establish command post at the hotel to coordinate communication; add 3ft. openings in fence at street corners to allow crossing the route; add fencing at the de-stage area to create a "corral" between Grand and Locust

Upcoming April meeting with the city will reveal a lot about next year's NCAA conflict.

Dennis presented a possible alternate route for the parade, focusing on MLK.

Positives were: clean trash pick-up; better de-stage control; smoothly done overall

*No news from John Leonhart yet on success or financials of yesterday's 5K/10K.

*Dennis will be the new webmaster and established a "board only" spot on the website with an entry code of 241. Among other things, the current draft of the Procedures Manual and the By-laws will be available there for reference.

*6th Annual Irish Open Disc Golf event will be moved from August to May 9. Jerry Grady is sponsoring/directing. \$25 entry fee & "Dominator" discs are purchased.

*Leprechaun Open is scheduled for June 6 at Rolling Hills. Some discussion about moving it & Kelly will research possibilities. Brian Kreps is the sponsor/director.

*Folks at the Waterloo Irish Fest will be contacted by Kelly to see if the Sons can have a presence.

*Fall bike ride will be Sept. 19. No pre-registration will be allowed this year, just "day of." O'Connell is looking at dry weave, long sleeve shirts for entrants. Raffle tickets will be printed this week for distribution at summer meetings. Volunteers will be requested at coming meetings, as well.

*Food for the April meeting will be corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, bread. T-Bone is handling the beer.

Adjournment 8:48 p.m. Next Meeting: Mon., April 27, 2015