

# **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., Nov. 30, 2015**

**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 \$15,559  
Details...recommended & approved that we cash in our \$15,000 CD  
**Members & Visitors Input/Forum**  
None

## **Discussion & Reports**

\*Murphy reported that we had received a \$5,000 grant from Polk County, due to the efforts of Jack Blackford. It is a "Community Betterment" grant to be put towards our parade expenses.

\*Christmas dinner money is being collected and final notices will be sent next week. A final count is needed Dec. 7.

\*With the club's balance so low, concerns were expressed about finding ways to save money.  
Suggestions: Reducing the "specialty" beer allowance at meetings, saving about \$600/year.  
Increasing the Christmas dinner fees is a consideration.  
Also considered was raising the monthly meal fee to \$15.  
None were acted on.

\*Donations were approved for:  
House of Mercy / Best Buddies / Holy Family School (\$1,000 to each)

\*O'Donnell reported that he and his wife, Terrie Jo, had finished shopping for Christmas gifts for the children assigned to us in the Mentor Iowa "adopt a family" program. Original intentions were to spend about \$350 for the 5 children and the O'Donnells managed to bring home over \$900 in value for about \$340. Clothes and toys were amassed at great savings.

\*December 14 Christmas dinner plans were discussed and finalized. McCarthy has table decorations and gifts for the ladies lined up. Kelly has arranged for the Foy Dancers and Kelly's Clan Duo to perform. Dennis has an inaugural video presentation ready to go. Final notices on sign-up deadlines will be sent by Kelly.

\*It was noted with relief that Pat Renda appears to be in better shape than we thought & may yet be in line to provide some spring dinners.

**Adjournment** 7:15 p.m.  
**Next Meeting: Mon., Dec. 28, 2015**