

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

**2017 Members: Pres. Tim Schuck, Vice Pres. Bree Young, Treas. Josh Soliday, Secretary-for-Life Ed Kelly,
Mike Dennis, George Heddinger, Bill McCarthy, Mike Murphy, Mike O'Connell, Tony Schmid.**

FSOSP Board Meeting for Mon., Dec. 18, 2017

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: Heddinger, Young
Treasurer's Report Approved...overall balance \$4,600 with some city parade fees still coming in (!)

Details...money from dues, Christmas dinner and raffle monies still to process. Donations are on hold while still working to build up the account.

Members & Visitors Input/Forum

None

Discussion & Reports

*Soliday said the two grants are in the works. One was submitted to Polk County (with LOTS of data/support) and the Prairie Meadows submission is to be made in January.

*2018 dues: Just under 20 are paid with over 80 to go.

*Christmas dinner recap: 73 were served and an estimate is that there is an \$8-12 club subsidation per person.

Kelly suggested a re-alignment of the room to give better sight-lines and improve the music/sound production.

*Skywalk Golf event is set for Feb. 24 and the O'Donnells are again in charge of our "hole."

Volunteers will be requested at the Jan. meeting and possibly a Sons team should be put together for a presence at the event and to sell raffle tickets while playing.

*Parade: Dennis met with the city recently about the event and they want us to add trashcans along the route by the sculpture park. Also, we will barricade off some approach streets to eliminate some police expense.

Ideas for Irishman of the Year and Parade Marshal are needed. Less than 1/2 the raffle tickets are out and more will be pushed at the next meeting.

*5K/10K Run: The board will push for tighter coordination with the organizers. Murphy will be the point man on this and will check with the group next month. A new idea proposed was for a 50/50 raffle on the "day of" and sold on that Saturday morning at registration. Profits will be publicized as designated for a specific charity.

*Two board terms are up, T-Bone's and O'Connell's. T-Bone will re-up and O'Connell needs to be replaced.

*T-bone is point man on continuing the prize committee's work. All the board members are welcome to contribute prizes.

*January meal will be Orlando's cavatelli with meatballs and sausage and salad w/bread.

*Misc:

>The O'Donnells will be conducting a silent auction of leftover golf event donations on March 3.

>Kelly suggested we look into joining the European Heritage Assoc. and being part of the 2018 Christkindl market.

>T-Bone confirmed all of this year's board meeting dates in order to get our Mickle reservations in.

>Dennis suggested that O'Connell check on holding our next bag tournament earlier, possibly on April 14.

Adjournment 8:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mon., Jan. 29, 2018