

Friendly Sons of St. Patrick

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

FSOSP Board Meeting for Mon., Mar. 27, 2017

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

Call to Order 6:12 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: none

Treasurer's Report Approved...and healthy, but...all in flux due to recent events & cash flow
Details...recent parade & bike ride inflows/outflows for food, shirts, fees, bills, etc. still to be processed

Members & Visitors Input/Forum

Suzanne Hull, to lobby for a donation to the Dec. 1-3 Chriskindlmarket event

Discussion & Reports

*Parade recap:

Problems: De-staging area was not prepped, pylon-ed as requested.

Need an additional MLK lane blocked off for safety.

Some throwing from floats and walkers in the middle of the street instead of at the fence.

Liability is still an issue, as a cabbage was thrown and hit a kid.

Having Cooney announce floats was a positive addition and should be continued.

1000 tickets were out for sale and \$450 in sales were unaccounted for.

Discussion will continue on adding Lucky Leprechaun tickets to sell and maybe increasing Ireland trip money.

Dennis moved to have T-Bone revise the backs of the tickets to add mention of the charities we support.

* T-Bone strongly recommended we move the queen selection date up to give the honoree more time to prepare

* Presentation was made for Chriskindlmarket. It was generally agreed that it didn't fit our donation paradigm.

***5K/10K Run**

Schuck indicated we all need to get more involved with the management of the event.

275 were in the run, lower than past years due to a cloudy, "off" day

New "coneheads" are needed to replace the retiring group. Volunteers will be requested at the next meeting.

* Irish Open Disc Golf is set for May 13 at Grand View Park. Next year it may move to Prospect Park. Leprechaun Open is set for June 17 at Copper Creek.

* T-Bone led a "huzzah" for the work of Dennis as Webmaster. The board concurred.

* Schuck indicated a major goal for 2017: to acquire a publicity/marketing committee to get sponsors & publicity.

* Kelly made an appeal for a donation to the new "Art of Compassion" foundation, a combination of HCI Hospice Care Services, Amanda the Panda and Visiting Nurses of Iowa. The board will consider the proposal.

* Still no progress on getting volunteers to prep monthly meals.

*McCarthy said we should expect corned beef, cabbage, taters w/salad & bread at the May meeting. T-Bone is handling the beer.

Adjournment 8:49 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mon., April 24, 2017