

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., Nov. 27, 2017

Location Mickle Center, 1620 Pleasant, Des Moines, IA, 50314 (515) 277-SONS
Call to Order 6:01 p.m. **Roll Call** A quorum was present. Missing: none
Treasurer's Report Approved...overall balance \$2,500
Details...bills are dribbling in from as far back as the run in March
Members & Visitors Input/Forum
None

Discussion & Reports

- *Funds are low and the usual December donations will be delayed. Dues are trickling in and hopefully will get us back in shape.
- *Grants: Polk County entry date (\$5000) is in December and the Prairie Meadows application (\$10,000) is decided in January. Money would not show up until June of next year. We need to show expenses/bills to justify the money and then document the use of any awarded funds.
- *Cornhole event was a modest success, though the day was rainy. 10 teams participated and \$300 was raised.
- *December dinner plans are in place with Beleek gifts, music, the Foy Dancers, the Irish-trimmed tree and the slide show all set. The room opens at 6:30 and the dinner is at 7 p.m. Currently 58 people are signed up. \$300 minimum at the bar is needed.
- *Skywalk Open: The O'Donnells will again run the Sons' hole and volunteers are needed to cover 2-hour shifts. Tickets will be sold. O'Connell suggested that the Sons should enter a 4-person team for exposure and to sell tickets while playing.
- *Parade:
 - Nov. meeting with the city was unproductive. They feel our event is an "anomaly" and a unique experience in not having a culminating event to raise funds for itself.
 - In a brief discussion, new parade ideas were floated:
 - A street party? Stationary parade on MLK with party stations? Televising it on Mediacom?
 - Have radio stations set up commentators/shows?
 - The city will re-evaluate police protection and eliminate the bike cops.
- *Raffle tickets are printed, 1000 this year and maybe 1200-1250 in 2019. About 1/4 are out to members now.
- *Board terms: O'Connell and T-Bone are set to leave the board. Two new members are needed for 2018.
- *The Prize Committee needs to replace Bob by January. It's covered for now.
- *Mentor Iowa received a \$300 donation in the O'Donnells' shopping efforts for 3 kids.

Adjournment 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: Mon., Dec. 18, 2017