

BOARD MINUTES
Irish Heritage Society
September 14, 2016

Meeting convened at 7:00 at Jason's Deli. Directors present: Maria Millen, Margaret Bratcher, Mary Stack, Larry Mertes, Steven Purcell, Steve Young, Paula Sweeney

Minutes of August 10, 2016 meeting approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Received.

Membership report: Same as last month.

Mailings: Due to the high cost of printing and stamps, the Society will change from mailing flyers for events to email notifications. For the few members who do not have email they will still receive a printed copy.

Elections in October: Up for reelection are Neil Finlen, Steven Purcell, Maria Millen, Dan Leifel, Mike Whelan, and Steve Young.

Fall Social: Final plans for the Fall Social were discussed. Michael Whelan has volunteered to make the Fall Social information available to Old House Society members. Reservations must be made in advance. Cost \$12.50 for members and \$15 for non-members. Violinist Jasper Zona will be given movie tickets and a certificate as a thank you.

Genealogy Studies:

- The November 1 meeting will be used to formulate plans for the St. Mary's Cemetery Project. It was agreed that the presentation of the project will be at the Fall 2017 social. Steve Young will contact Denise (Fries) Romack and confirm her participation as presenter/researcher.
- The 2017 Irish Field Trip will take place on October 3, 2017. Our group will visit the historic Hawes Elevator Museum, Atlanta, Ill, with program/lunch at Atlanta's Palm Grill.

Summer 2017 Picnic: The Board approved having an indoor picnic at K of C. Entertainment to be *In Harmony* The Morton Sisters Singing Trio who have agreed to \$150.

Maggie Bratcher will contact The Morton Sisters and the K of C.

Fundraising:

- Jason's Deli fundraiser will be November 10, 5 – 10 pm. Board members are being asked to sign up online.

- Our website is now linked to Amazon.com. We will receive a commission on all sales made for anyone using our website to link to Amazon.com. To date we have raised \$6.
- A winter program was approved by the Board. Maggie Bratcher will contact The Turas Irish Band at a cost of \$390 for a 7 piece band and the K of C Hall and arrange a date in January/February. An entrance fee of \$15 was discussed.

Irish Book Club: Meets September 22 at Mary Craig's home 2010 E Oakland at 6:30. Book is Frank Delaney's *Ireland*. The October book is *Murphy's Law* by Rys Bowen.

Next Board Meeting September 15 at 7:00 at Farnsworth Building.

Submitted by Mary Stack