

**August 12, 2015**

**Irish Heritage Society Board Minutes**

Meeting convened at 7:00. Directors present: Neil Finlen, Margaret Bratcher, Larry Mertes, Mary Stack, Steven Purcell, Steve Young, and Mike Whelan.

Steve Young presented the Treasurer's report. Accepted.

Mary Stack gave the membership report.

President Bratcher received correspondence from the directors of the McLean County Museum of History Extending Excellence Campaign. The campaign has reached 85% of its goal. The Irish Heritage Society board voted to donate \$100 to the fund

The annual Irish Autumn Social will be held Sunday, October 25, 2015, at the K of C Hall from 4 – 7. Food and entertainment are in discussion stages.

The Irish Heritage Society Genealogy Interest Group visited the Illinois State University Archives and the Illinois Regional Depository Archives in August. 20 members and friends attended.

This Fall Heartland Community College is offering two genealogy courses: Beginning Genealogy and Climbing your Family Tree.

The Irish Book Club will meet September 24 at 6:30 at The Coffeehouse, Normal. The book of the month is *How the Irish Saved Civilization* by Thomas Cahill.

Plans to participate in the Baby Fold's Festival of Trees are progressing. A 4' tree will be decorated with the theme of The Music of Ireland. The Board approved additional funding if needed for tree decorating supplies.

Meeting concluded at 8:15. Next Meeting is September 9 at the Farnsworth Bldg. 7 P.M.