

October 8, 2014
Irish Heritage Society Board Meeting

Meeting convened at 7:00. Directors present: Margaret Bratcher, Stephen Purcell, Mary Stack, Pat Rochelle, Neil Finlin. Steve Young, Larry Mertes.

Minutes of meeting on September 11, 2014 approved.

Treasurer's report received from Steve Young.

Membership: Mary Stack reported one new member.

Irish Autumn Social, October 26, 2014:

The annual meeting of members will be held for election of Directors.

The Barbershoppers will provide entertainment. Flyers have been sent to the membership. Times Inn Past will cater.

The Irish Book Club: The formation meeting was held on September 25 at the Normal Public Library. Ten members attended. The group will meet September through May, usually on the 4th Thursday of the month. The first two books were chosen by the members. The October book will be *The Irish Way* by James Barrett. The November book will be *All Standing* by Kathryn Miles. Times and meeting places are listed on our website under Irish Book Club.

Upcoming Celtic Events Locally:

The Irish Way: Becoming American in Multiethnic City will be presented by its author James Barrett free at the McLean County Museum of History on November 8 at 1 p.m.

BCPA Celtic Christmas Show, December 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Irish Genealogy Group: Discussion was held as to forming an Irish Genealogy Group. The directors felt that many of our membership may be interested. Margaret Bratcher will contact George Perkins, McLean County Museum of History, about the possibility of a beginning genealogy workshop in the spring. A formation meeting will be held in the spring.

Winter Program 2015: Margaret Bratcher is working with the McLean County Museum of History to co-sponsor Dennis Stroughmatt. He would present a program on French Creole, which he can relate back to the Norman and French roots/branches in Celtic history.

Christmas Parade 2014: The Irish Heritage Society will make its presence known in the Christmas Parade on December 6. This will be the second year we have entered.

Picnic 2015: Motion was made and seconded to reserve the Tipton Park Shelter on Sunday, June 28, 2015, for our annual summer picnic.

The Dynamics, two music variety singers, will perform for us.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 14, 2015: Planning will soon begin.

Next Meeting, November at 7:00 at the Farnsworth Building.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.