

November 12, 2014
Irish Heritage Society Board Meeting

Meeting convened at 7:00 at Margaret Bratcher's home. Directors present: Margaret Bratcher, Mary Stack, Pat Rochelle, Steve Young, Larry Mertes.

Minutes of meeting on October 8, 2014 approved.

Treasurer's report received from Steve Young. Discussion of potential expenditures for the Society which included bookmark size handouts, parade banner, and travelling display board.

Membership Report: Mary Stack reported one new member.

New Business:

Discussion was held on finding a musical group to perform for a winter event. Margaret Bratcher is contacting several possibilities as well as working with the McLean County Museum of History to co-sponsor a genealogy event for next spring.

The Irish Autumn Social was successfully held on October 26 with the Barbershopper Quartet performing. Elections for Board of Directors was held. Those continuing directors are: Margaret Bratcher, Mike Whelan, Larry Mertes, Stephen Purcell, Steve Young, Mary Stack, Greg Connor and Doug Connor. Dan Leifel and Neil Finlen were re-elected. Officers will be chosen in January 2015.

Continuing Business:

Irish Book Club: The November book is *All Standing: The Remarkable Story of the Jeanie Johnson, the Legendary Irish Famine Ship* by Kathryn Miles. A Christmas Social is planned to be held at Maggie Miley's.

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

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. The purchase of a smaller banner that could be hung on a car was approved.

Picnic 2015: Steve Young will reserve the Tipton Park Shelter for Sunday, June 28, 2015, (with a backup date of Sunday, June 21) for our annual summer picnic.

Website: The annual renewal fee for our Society website, www.irishheritagesociety.net is due. Approval was given to renewal for an additional three years at the cost of \$299 which will be a cost savings from a year to year renewal price of \$149.

Next Meeting, January 13 at 7:00 at the Farnsworth Building. Adjourned 8:35.

