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Féile Board of Directors

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Minutes – March 27, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Pat Speer.

Present: Pat Speer, President; John Minehan, Vice-President; Frances O’Neill, Treasurer; Ellen Godfrey, Secretary; Eileen Lynam, Dave Howe, Peg O’Leary, Meghan Lenihan, Jim O’Donnell, Maura O’Donnell, Sally O’Hara.

Absent: Colleen Filush (excused), Robert Lenihan (excused), Liam Murray.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes by John Minehan, seconded Sally O’Hara, approved by all.

Donations: Motion made by John Minehan to donate \$500 for two Lenihan Step Dancers to travel to Dublin, Ireland for 2017 World Irish Dancing Championship, seconded by Frances O’Neill, all approved. Motion made by John Minehan to send letter with certificate for winner to call for 4 Clan na Gael fall play tickets to St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic

School for their fundraiser, seconded by Eileen Lynam, all approved. Secretary will send letter with Féile phone number.

Maura will review donation goals for cash and in-kind (tickets, etc.) donations from previous minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Frances O’Neill met with Liam Murray on the transfer of Féile files and financials. Paid \$399.60 for Go Daddy Web Site 3-year term with personal funds, to be reimbursed by Féile. Frances also met with accountant who recommended QuickBooks Desktop Pro for one user.

Motion made by Jim O’Donnell, seconded by Maura O’Donnell to open Féile debit card, all approved.

	January	February	March
Checking:	\$18,643.12	\$18,578.49	18,180.80
Investment:	\$44,159.89	\$44,159.89	46,021.57
Raffle:	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	4,000.00

Motion made by Jim O’Donnell for treasurer to purchase accountant’s recommended version of QuickBooks software at a discount for nonprofit organizations for amount not to exceed \$250, seconded by Maura O’Donnell, all approved.

Eileen stated TechSoup.org for nonprofits is a good place to shop for discounted software.

Motion made by Maura O’Donnell to approve Treasurer’s Report, seconded by Jim O’Donnell, all approved.

Motion made by Peg O’Leary to invite Ross Galloway from Janney Montgomery Scott to discuss our investments, seconded by John Minehan, approved by all.

PROGRAMS

Clan na Gael: 30th Anniversary - Peg O’Leary. Fall play “It’s a Wonderful Life”, a radio broadcast with 6-25 players. Ed Hagerty will help with a 30-year retrospective with pictures and music about 20 minutes long and present before play starts and during intermission.

Clan na Gael stage access & sound equipment relocation: Peg will again contact Paddy Coyle & Dave Veith this week.

Genealogy & History Group: John Minehan. Lectures: May 7- Louise Williams: 'Effects of Brexit'. October 22- Michael Cronin: History of GAA. Admission to both is \$5.

Irish Language Group: John Minehan. Next Language Day is October 7.

Oral Video History: Peg O'Leary, Eileen Lynam, John Minehan, Noel McGovern, Joan Kleinknecht. New poster in GAC lobby and article in Scéala requesting documentary, videography help from members. Tapes will be kept in locked cabinet in Féile closet. Peg will work on a short documentary. Eileen will contact Hilary as she was helpful in the past. Peg would like to do more interviews.

Peg O'Leary and Susan Drew discussed the possibility of presenting a documentary film at GAC.

Motion made by Jim O'Donnell to ratify past practice of posting approved Féile Board minutes on the GAC lobby bulletin board, seconded by Maura O'Donnell, all approved.

Ellen will send reminder to request nominations to fill vacancy made by Dave Boyle on Directors Board for one year. Nominated persons need to accept nomination before submitting their name. Vote April meeting.

Féile Website: www.feileinc.org John Minehan met with webmaster Bill Sweeney. All welcome to attend meeting next Tuesday at 7 pm to discuss content. Peg, Pat or Diane, Maura, Frances will attend.

Raffle: Frances O'Neill and Elaine Bataille applied for permit. We will meet when mailing labels are printed to stuff envelopes.

Festival Day 2017: Father's Day, June 18, GAC main hall is reserved. Pat Speer will meet with GAC President tomorrow to discuss details. Maura will contact Diageo and Fairfield University for possible sponsorships.

Hair of the Dog: Friday, June 16 at The Klein. Pat will discuss selling Féile raffle tickets and promote Irish Festival Day with Tim Warren and promoting their event on Féile website and send emails.

St. Patrick's Day Bridgeport Parade: Dave Howe stated it went very well.

Motion made by Jim O'Donnell for Féile to sponsor Immigration program with Consulate General of Ireland with Emerald Isle Immigration Center end of April or mid-May, seconded by John Minehan, approved by all.

Old Business:

♣ By-laws revision delayed until next meeting.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 9:03 pm made by Maura O'Donnell, seconded by Eileen Lynam, all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Godfrey
Secretary

Festival

Generosity

Hospitality