## SCITUATE/WEST CORK SISTER CITY MINUTES

Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

Attendance: Siobhan Hunter, Brenda O’Connor, Peter Mehegan, John Sullivan, Christine Walsh, and Carol Sullivan-Hanley. Guest members: Jim Canavan and Vinny Quealy.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

The acceptance of the October 12, 2020 Agenda was accepted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from September 9,2020 were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: The current balance in the account is $9,332.00. This is money that is earmarked for scholarships, once the exchange program begins again. The $1,000 allotment for a program coordinator will be added to the funds since the position was not quantified. There is a consensus that the scholarship funds be placed in a flexible money market fund until they can be used.

While we have a comprehensive and informative document detailing the goals and aspirations of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail; we need to wait until restrictions are lifted to assure in person gatherings to move forward. We are however, beginning to consider a virtual option with film footage and a Zoom or YouTube presentation. To date, it will showcase the Gristmill in Greenbush, the Mossing Museum, Lawson Tower, the Scituate Lighthouse, First Cliff and Second Cliff. There is EDC funding available to support a Scituate Visitor’s Center. Its exact location has yet to be decided. The “Center” could showcase the trail, perhaps provide a video and provide maps or “apps” for self-tours.

We, too, look forward to a grant from the Irish government, Diaspora Emigrant Support for further funding.

Ruairi McKiernan, Celtic author will be doing a literary event, Hitching for Hope, on November 12, 2020. One can register (for free) on Eventbrite. There was some discussion to involve Buttonwood Books or the Scituate Public Library as resources for the book’s availability.

The beautiful Easter Rising Monument has been delivered and awaits its “in person” celebration in April 2021. The grounds are being beautifully cared for by landscaper, Bill Sullivan and there was a discussion regarding solar lights. The granite carver from Barre, Vermont is also planning to attend the April 25th event. A brief preview with the Irish Consul General and family has occurred. They found Scituate enchanting.

Talented member, Brenda O’Connor has created a beautiful Irish knit blanket. We will be selling chances at $10.00 per ticket in a fundraising effort. The tickets will be mailed to members to sell.

We adjourned at 6:05pm.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5:00pm. The location will be determined.