**Scituate Sister City Ireland, West Cork, Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday, August 1, 2018**

**Scituate Public Library, Small Conference Room**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Members present: Brenda O’Connor, Chair; Siobhan Hunter, Vice Chair; Kevin Callanan; Maureen Dinsmore; Audrey Donovan; Pat Jacquart; Patrice Maye; Peter Mehegan; Brendan Murphy; John Sullivan; Carol Sullivan-Hanley

Members excused: John Danehy; Richard Hebert; Brian Houlihan; Christine Walsh

1. **Minutes**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting, pending a copy edit to meeting date (May 2, 2017 to May 2, 2018).

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The Committee Treasurer, Christine Walsh, was unable to attend the meeting. Brenda provided a brief overview in her absence. She noted that the Committee’s bank balance is down to about $500 after expenses for printing T-shirts for Heritage Days. All agreed that the T-shirts are a good marketing and fundraising investment and should generate income.

1. **Heritage Days**

The Scituate Sister City Project will have a booth at Heritage Days 2018 (August 4-5), and will be staffed by members of both West Cork and Sucy-en-Brie Committees. At the Heritage Days booth, the West Cork Committee will feature information on our committee, the impeding delegation visit, and our vision for international exchanges, as well as interactive opportunities to raise funds for our mission. Specifically, we will offer:

* Scituate/West Cork brochure, with sponsorship information.
* Scituate/West Cork T-shirts to be given to all who donate $25 or more to the committee.
* A survey to engage community and gather local opinion on the focus of our work.
* Tourism booklets on West Cork.
* A “door prize”: $25 gift certificate to TKO O’Malleys.
* A raffle. Raffle tickets to cost $20 for one sheet of 25 tickets. Ticket buyers can “bid” on multiple items by placing individual tickets in the different “item buckets.” Raffle items include:
  + Framed photograph by Kjeld Mahoney
  + Print from Aisling Gallery
  + Enlargement of Drumbeg Circle
  + Two Scituate/West Cork T-shirts
  + Gift basket
  + SSAC art course (up to $250 value)
  + $25 gift certificate to JJ’s Ice Cream (Two)
* A Silent auction. Items include:
  + Opportunities to participate in the West Cork delegation visit.
  + Tickets for Two (2) to attend the South Shore Irish Festival in Marshfield.
  + Dinner for Two (2) at Barker Tavern with the delegation.
  + Print of Jack Yeats painting.
  + Signed and framed lithograph by Edmund Sullivan.

1. **Cork Delegation Visit Update (Cork to Scituate)**

The Town of Scituate will proclaim the week of September 17 “West Cork Week” in honor of the delegation’s visit. Brenda organized a thoughtful itinerary that fuses all of the components of the Committee’s mission. All Committee members are invited to participate in as many of the activities as able. All delegates will receive a takeaway gift that evocative of our twin cultures. Local artist Kiely Storm of Silverstorm will design a unisex piece of jewelry featuring blue sea glass for Scituate and green sea glass for Ireland set in sterling silver.

Delegation schedule:

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018**

8:00 Continental Breakfast at Hotel.

9:00 Tour of scenic and historic sites of Scituate, highlighting beaches, lighthouse, cliffs, Abigail & Rebecca Bates’ house / Scituate Lighthouse, Lawson Tower, Old Oaken Bucket House. The tour will end at the Irish Mossing Museum where Peter Mehegan, a former Scituate. mosser, will serve as docent.

12:00  Lunch at Bia Bistro. A Brig St. John survivor’s descendent will share the history of the ship and his ancestor’s story.

1:30  Laying of wreath at the grave of those lost in the Brig St. John’s shipwreck, accompanied

by bagpipe.

2:30 Tour of the new Scituate Middle School and Center for Performing Arts provided by

Richard Hebert, Brenda O’Connor, and the Superintendent of Schools.

3:30  Return to hotel to refresh and get ready for evening reception.

4:30 Welcome Reception at Scituate Harbor Yacht Club.

8:30 Drop off at hotel.

**Thursday, September 20, 2018**

8:00 Continental breakfast at Hotel.

9:00 Bus pick up.

9:45 Arrive at John F. Kennedy Library.

12:00 Lunch at Boston College Club.

2:30 Tour of Massachusetts State House.

4:30 Visit the Boston Irish Famine Memorial.

5:15 Tea and scones with the Consulate of Ireland, Copley Square.

6:30 Return to hotel to freshen up.

7:30 Turkey Dinner in Williams Room of the Barker Tavern with entertainment.

10:00 Drop oﬀ at hotel.

**Friday, September 21, 2018**

9:00 Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast at Mill Wharf.

11:30 Meet local ﬁshermen and lobstermen.

12:00 Scituate Harbor “Walk About.”

2:00 Launch boat ride around harbor and coastline, ending at Maritime Building.

4:00 Scituate Seafood nibbles and light supper at Maritime Building.

7:00 Friday Night Lights - Americana evening. Take in a SHS Football Game, followed by drop oﬀ at hotel.

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

8:00 Breakfast at hotel.

9:00 - 2:00 Multiple Choice Morning. Choose among the following options:

1.) Visit President John Adams’ House, Quincy.

2.) Visit the Irish Cultural Center of New England, Canton.

3.) Shopping at Wrentham outlets.

4.) Lobstering with Scituate Lobsterman.

5.) Round of Golf.

6.) On your own to just relax.

3:00 Irish Festival, Marshfield.

10:00 Drop off at hotel.

**Sunday, September 23, 2018**

8:00 – 10:00 Sleep in or attend Mass at St Mary’s of the Nativity at 9:00.

Breakfast at hotel.

10:00 -6:00 Day to be determined:

1. Tour of Fenway Park.
2. Cruise of Boston Harbor.
3. Tour of Concord and Lexington.
4. Cape Cod - Sandwich Glass Museum, Kennedy Compound, Falmouth or Hyannis lunch.

6:00 Farewell Dinner at Voyage in Humarock.

9:00 Return to hotel.

**Monday, September 24, 2018**

8:00 Breakfast at Hotel.

9:00 Meet with Scituate artists / Scituate Arts Association.

11:45 Lunch at Oro’s.

12:30 Depart for airport with stop at Patriots Hall of Fame.

5:30 -6:30 Drop at airport for 8:50 ﬂight.

1. **Survey for Town of Scituate**

Survey is available at Heritage Days, and will be added to the website.

1. **New Business**

* Sister City Project member meeting at Maritime Center on October 3.
* Advisory Committee very pleased with delegation plans.

1. **Committee Meeting Schedule**

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings will take place at the Scituate Public Library, Large Conference Room.

* Wednesday, September 5, 7:00PM
* Wednesday, October 3, 7:00PM – with Sister City Project at Maritime Center
* Wednesday, November 7, 7:00PM
* Wednesday, December 4, 7:00PM

The meeting adjourned at 8:33p.m.