## SCITUATE/WEST CORK SISTER CITY MINUTES

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Attendance: Siobhan Hunter, Brenda O’Connor, Peter Mehegan, John Sullivan, Christine Walsh, Patrice Maye, Maureen Dismore, Pat Jacquart, R.J. Dwyer and Carol Sullivan-Hanley. Guest member: Vinny Quealy.

 The meeting was called to order at 5:10pm

The acceptance of the February 3, Agenda was accepted unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from January 2021 were accepted.

Treasurer’s Report: The current balance in the account is $23,818.61. $8067.94 of this money is earmarked for scholarships, once the exchange program begins again. $15,750.67 is from the Irish Diaspora Emigrant Grant and will be used for the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail.

We have a comprehensive and informative document detailing the goals and aspirations of the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail, and we have developed a website. The website will be coordinated and regularly updated by a well-recognized tourist website company called The Sterling Co. While the cost is a bit high, with each town contributing to their profiled page, the costs can be shared.

We will assign Committee members to serve as ambassadors for each town. These “point” people will be available to offer timely updates and answer questions.

An informative Zoom meeting will occur on Wednesday, February 10th at 12:30. Town representatives are invited as are ambassadors. We will detail the data for the website and share its costs. We will provide a “mock tour” and share its similarities (however, small) to Ireland’s Wild Atlantic Waye.

We will continue to brainstorm on how we can safely celebrate St. Patrick’s Day during a pandemic.

A number of Committee members need to rejoin, a list will be provided at our next meeting. This will involve a “swearing in” and an updated Ethics test taking and receipt.

A final drawing of the hand-knit Irish blanket occurred with the reassurance of a name and phone number.

The Visitor Center continues to be an evolving process.

Meeting adjourned 6:20pm

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 3rd at 5:00pm via Zoom.