**Scituate** /**West Cork Sister City Committee**

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**Mission Statement**

The Mission of the Scituate/West Cork Sister City Committee is to promote partnerships; foster an understanding of cultures and traditions; facilitate exchange programs for students and adults; encourage tourism; share advances in business and education; and provide activities that will be of mutual benefit to Scituate and West Cork.

**Minutes**

**October 2, 2019**

**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Scituate Town Library Small Conference Room**

**Present**

Siobhán Hunter Chair, John Sullivan Vice Chair,

Kevin Callanan, R.J. Dwyer, Maureen Dinsmore,

Patricia Jacquart, Peter Mehegan, Brenda O’Connor,

**Scheduled Items:**

* 1. **Agenda -** Motion by Peter Mehegan seconded by Brenda O’Connor toaccept Agenda passed unanimously
	2. Acceptance of minutes September 4, 2019, deferred to next meeting
	3. **Treasurers Report** Christine sent a report to the Chair stating our current balance is $1,800. The total raised for the Exchange Scholarship is $6,425 with more money expected. There is a possibility that the total will be just over $7,000. The Chair thanked all for their efforts and generosity. There is no time limit on gifts - we always accept money. We are expecting some donations in the next few weeks. Jim Canavan is having a birthday. He has asked friends to donate in his name. Many, many happy birthday wishes, Jim, and thanks to you for your work on our behalf. We are happy to have had a part in your escaping the accident at Mountain One Bank.
	4. I**rish Delegation Visit** preliminary plans. We are awaiting news from Ireland about when and how many will be coming to Scituate this month. THe window is Oct 22 through Oct 27. A small group is expected. We will be entertaining in our homes , having deep conversations, and reaching out to the community through a Fireside Chat, school visitations, and multiple meetings.
	5. **South Shore Irish Heritage Trail** - The Irish Government awarded the Scituate/West Cork Committee a grant of $1,250. We will bring together South Shore towns for a preliminary meeting where we will discuss a South Shore Irish Heritage Trail. Preliminary meetings are being held with town and state officials, committees, and other interested parties. We are asking the BOS, COC, Historical Society, and EDC to join us in inviting representatives from So. Shore towns to an informational meeting in May.
	6. There was a discussion of possible future “Halfway 2 Saint Patrick’s Day” fundraisers . Helping children take Irish dancing classes was one area where we may be able to offer assistance. Perhaps a 1/3. 1/3, 1/3 split - select charities (i.e. dancing assistance, and more) School exchange Scholarship, Committee operating expenses. This way we continually add to exchange fund, and look for other ways we can encourage and help the Irish diaspora of Scituate.
	7. New Business - The AOL Brig St. John Memorial Mass is this Sunday at St Anthony’s in Cohasset.

The next meeting will be November 6, 2019, Scituate Town Library Small Conference Room