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

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**Scituate Public Library, Small Conference Room**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Members present: Brenda O’Connor, Chair; Siobhan Hunter, Vice Chair; Audrey Donovan; Brian Houlihan; Pat Jacquart; Patrice Maye; John Sullivan; Carol Sullivan-Hanley; Christine Walsh;

Members excused: John Danehy; Richard Hebert; Peter Mehegan; Kevin Callanan; Maureen Dinsmore; RJ Dwyer

1. **Agenda**

The committee voted unanimously in favor of accepting the agenda.

1. **March Madness**
* March 8: *Wind That Shook the Barley*, Film Festival, St. Mary’s
* March 9: Mad Hatter’s Ball, Barker Tavern
* March 10: *Songs of Immigration & Home*, The Lindseys, Scituate Public Library
* March 12: Brenda and John interviewed on PBS Radio; Peter Mehegan already interviewed
* March 13: Corned Beef Dinner, Tinker’s Son
	+ 17 scratch tickets
	+ artwork raffle
* March 14: Irish Consul General and Irish Government Minister visit (rescheduled from 3/19).
	+ Lunch, Bia Bistro
	+ Fireside Chat, Scituate Public Library (1:30-2:30pm)
	+ Scituate Tour: Lawson Tower, Mossing Museum, Harbor
* March 15: Irish Bread Event, Scituate Senior Center
* March 17: St. Patrick’s Day Parade; Patrick Kearney breakfast, 10-12.
* March 28: *Michael Collins*, Film Festival, St. Mary’s
* March 30: Catherine Shannon lecture on the Famine (rescheduled from 3/2), Scituate Public Library
	+ Necklace raffle
1. **Treasurer’s Report**

We are rebuilding our coffers, which were depleted after the delegation visit from West Cork. As of March 6, 2019, our account balance is $17.79. We anticipate several fundraisers taking place in March will build revenues.

1. **Report, School Exchange Committee**

Brenda and Pat presented plans for a Scituate/West Cork student exchange before the School Committee on March 4. The presentation was well received.

1. **Fundraising**
* Brenda submitted a grant application to the Global Irish Foundation. We expect to hear the decision by July.
* The Benefactors renewal letter is ready to mail.
* Planning for a special event / Annual Meeting is underway. Christine is waiting to hear back from the incoming President of the Scituate Beach Association for potential dates.
1. **New Business**
* The Boston Beara Society has invited the Scituate / West Cork Sister City Committee to co-sponsor their annual dinner at Florian Hall. We will learn more to make an informed decision.
* The committee would like to award John Danehy a triquestra lapel pin.
* The committee would like to nominate Catherine Shannon for the Presidential Distinguished Service Award for the Irish Abroad 2018.
1. **Minutes**

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the February 6, 2019 meeting.

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, April 3, 7:00PM

The meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.