

SCITUATE/WEST CORK SISTER CITY MINUTES

Wednesday, January 8, 2020

Attendance: Siobhán Hunter, Pat Jacquart, Patrice Maye, Brenda O'Connor, R.J. Dwyer, Christine Walsh and Carol Sullivan-Hanley. Jim Canavan was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05

The acceptance of the January agenda was accepted unanimously

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the December 4th meeting were accepted with one correction.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance in the account is \$9,294.99. Much of that is earmarked for scholarships.

Siobhán urges all members to check in at Town Hall for clarification of Ethics Training and Conflict of Interest certification. It is imperative that trainings and documentation be current for membership on a Town Committee.

Both Sister City organizations are looking to expand their membership outreach. There was the recommendation of enlisting the families of travelling students.

The first film will preview on January 16th at St. Mary's Hall. To "kick-off" the series, a food and drink reception will occur at 5:30. For \$25.00, members can enjoy delicious tapas of both communities and enjoy two libations. A "king" cake will be served at the end of the evening.

Student Exchange: We are assured that with the departure of the current Superintendent of Schools, that the plans for the West Cork exchange program continue to be firmed up. Faculty members and a Department Chair are prepared to lead the delegation of fifteen students and three chaperones. Our financial contribution will include \$1,000 for a coordinator's stipend and \$2,000 for scholarships.

The agreed upon logo for the Irish Heritage Trail has been chosen.

Plans for the annual fundraising corned beef dinner have begun. This year's meal will also include the option of Sheppard's Pie. We have reserved the night of March 11th at the Tinker's Son in Norwell. The cost per ticket is \$50.00. We have decided to have a representative committee float at the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15th. Brenda is soliciting bakers of Irish bread for the annual Irish Bread at the Senior Center.

New Business: Our next meeting will be Wednesday, February 5, 2020.

We adjourned at 8:28pm