



Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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**Membership Meeting
Friday, June 11, 2021 at 8:00 pm
in the Carolan Room**

- 1) **Call to Order** Gerry Forde called the meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.
- 2) **GAC Prayer and Purpose** was read by Gerry Forde.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Gerry Forde.
- 4) **Roll Call**

President	Gerry Forde	Present
Vice President	John Foley	Present
Secretary	Aaron Curtis	Absent
Treasurer	Tom Egan	Present
Financial Secretary	Thomas Langdon	Present
Director 1 year	Amy O'Shea	Present
Director 2 years	Gerry O'Donovan	Present
Director 3 years	Sheila Tesei	Present
Sergeant-at-Arms	Tony Hogan	Present

Also Present: Thomas Flaherty-GAC Manager, Jeff Devaney-Budget Committee, Elizabeth Power-Scholarship Committee, Gerry Reidy-Former GAC President

- 5) **Approval of Minutes – Nora motioned to approve the Minutes of May 16, 2021. Mary Ellen Lyons seconded the motion which carried unanimously.**
- 6) **Permittee's Report:**
 - Tom Flaherty reported the bar is doing well. We may put a temporary mobile beer bar outside from 5-7 p.m. to save people coming inside. Movie nights and plays will return about Thanksgiving. Senior luncheon is September 23rd. They hope the Christmas Fair will happen. Noreen Forde said Set Dancers are back in September.
- 7) **Manager's Report:**
 - Tom Flaherty reported the Red Cross held a Blood Drive at the GAC. Mother's Day lunch had two sittings. Memorial BBQ was busy and did double bar and food sales. This month we're bringing bands back inside and are nearly back at full speed. The Rotary and Kiwanis Club luncheons have resumed. The Pipers and Step Dancers resumed practices. The Social Committee is working on events toward year end including many teen gatherings. The Pipers and Dancers will perform Father's Day. Joanie Madden will play from 4-7 on May 27th. The July 4th BBQ will be same as Memorial Day, noon to 3 and a good turnout is expected.

8) Treasurer's Report:

- Tom Egan reported the various bank account balances. He will look into the FDIC loan requirements.
- Tom Harding said the budget developed is conservative. Prediction is \$200,000 more than expected. The Committee's recommendation is to pay off the loan. He will look into the FDIC loan requirements. PPP requirements were discussed.

Gerry Reidy motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Mary Ann Doonan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

9) Financial Secretary's Report:

- Pub revenue is \$40,188 for May 21 vs \$26,428 for April 21 an increase of \$13,760 or 52%.
- Kitchen revenue is \$53,314 for May 21 vs \$40,581 for April 21 an increase of \$12,733 or 31%.
- Pub cost of sales is 52% of revenue - high.
- Kitchen cost of sales is 37% of revenue - on the low side.
- Pub Band expense is \$6,050 for the month.
- Maintenance & repairs is high for the month - \$9,635
- Brake front fire \$3,881, Harry Thommen \$1,300
- Supplies & equipment is high for the month - \$5,423.
- M&M Hood \$1,549.
- All other expenses were in line.
- Jeff Devaney stated we received the liquor license refund.

Art Begon motioned to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. Mary Ann Doonan seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

11) Standing Committee Reports:

Good and Welfare: Mary Alvarez reported during April and May they dedicated three plaques honoring deceased members.

Membership Committee: 5,600 members have renewed their membership.

Scholarship: Elizabeth Power said they had so many qualified candidates and thanked the Review Committee; Griffin Reidy and Bree O'Sullivan for their dedication. She announced the two recipients; Chloe Oliver and Aiden Durby. Ms. Oliver, from Foran High School in Milford. Chole is headed to Albertus Magnus College and will major in Elementary Education. Mr. Derby from Fairfield Prep. Aiden is off to the University of Richmond and plans to major in Business. Ms. Power listed the recipients' attributes and the winners read their essays. Checks were presented.

Seniors Programs: Luncheon return September 23rd.

Library: Mary Ellen Lyons is suspending donations at this time.

Sceala: Get your July events into Maura Kallaway for the bulletin.

St. Patrick's Day Parade: Mike Durby thanked the GAC for their generous donation which helps with referee fees, medical, uniforms and field rentals. The senior team is in full swing and they have four youth teams.

Shamroques: Mary Ellen Lyons explained the Shamroques history. Wednesday night Session is open to all from 7-9; come in and listen, play or sing. The first Friday of

every month beginning in August, they will have a Session in the pub with a professional leader.

Pipers: Art Began announced the Bag Pipers are back and had 23 people show up last week. They are looking for new members.

12) Old Business:

- GAC and Feile met last month. It was the first time in 10 years or more since the two committees sat together and both are looking forward to working together to promote Irish culture. Feile made a tax payment to the Town of Fairfield on behalf of the GAC and the Town's refund was made to the GAC. Feile's 501 3c status has been reinstated. Gerry Reidy gave some history on the issue. The resolution will be reported back to the Membership.

13) New Business:

- A recommendation was made by the Executive Committee to repay the \$150,000 SBA loan or interest payments to start September 2021 at \$621.00 per month. Tom Harding recommended repaying the loan at this time.

Mary Ann Doonan motioned to approve repaying the \$150,000 loan. Peter Doonan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- Mary Ann Doonan recommended hiring someone to landscape the property or ask the football kids to help out. Gerry Forde suggested asking all youth groups in the Club. She praised Ilona Paxton for decorating the interior. Noreen Forde believes they should have a volunteer sign-up sheet for all ages.
- Mary Ann Doonan said Noreen Forde is going through a tough time with medical expenses.

Mary Ann Doonan motioned the GAC to donate \$500 for medical expenses. Nora seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

- The Membership sang Happy Birthday to Noreen Forde.

14) Adjournment – Gerry Reidy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. Nora seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Sheila Tesei, Director

Gerry Forde, President