



## Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 8th 2021 AT 8.00PM

#### CAROLAN ROOM

1. Meeting was called to order at 8.12pm by Club President Gerry Forde
2. Roll Call:

President:	Gerry Forde	Present
Vice President:	John Foley	Present
Recording Secretary:	Aaron Curtis	Present
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 of Arms:	Tony Hogan	Present
3. The club prayer and pledge of allegiance were read by President Forde.
4. A motion to approve the September Membership minutes were proposed by Gerry Reidy, Kathleen Blackhall 2nd. Motion carried.
5. Permittee's report:
  - Due to COVID shortages and shipping issues there is a shortage of products available for the bar. Members may have noticed that some products have changed or are unavailable.. Additionally, the cost of imported beers and liquor are expected to go up between \$2-\$5 a case - this may result in a slight increase in cost of drinks to members in coming months. There are new red wines available for the autumn by the glass and the bottle. Spotten, Oktoberfest and Rosemary's Baby are the seasonal draft beers on tap.
6. Manager's report:
  - Kids movie night continues to be on Friday evenings. The tables are full each week and it's proving to be a great activity. On Halloween night the club will show a movie and have a kids parade with spot prizes. This will likely be the last movie night of the season. The GAC is hoping to buy an outdoor tent for next year and is actively sourcing for one. The club had it's annual health inspection and we passed with a score of 98/100. The gutters will be cleaned this month. There are trees in the back parking lot that need to be trimmed, that work will be completed this month. The alarm panel will be replaced this coming Monday 11th. The Irrigation system will be shut off tomorrow morning. The management team is replacing table tops in the bar which were damaged from the sanitizer required for COVID-19.

7. Correspondence:
  - John Santa - supporting the Great Hunger Museum
  - Joseph McDonagh - supporting the Great Hunger Museum
8. Treasurer's report:
  - Bank account balances are as follows:
    - Bankwell Checking: \$96,909.23
    - People's Checking: \$309,503.36
    - People's Money Market: \$120,555.70
    - Mortgage: \$312,965.72
9. Financial Secretary Report:
  - Pub revenue is \$36,011 for September 21 vs \$37,723 for August 21 a decrease of \$1,712 or 5%.
  - Kitchen revenue is \$49,504 for September 21 vs \$46,319 for August 21 an increase of \$3,185 or 7%.
  - Pub cost of sales is 48% of revenue - On the high side
  - Kitchen cost of sales is 45% of revenue - On target
  - Pub Band expense is \$7,550 for the month.
  - Miscellaneous expense \$1,123 recruiting
  - We did not receive the Southern Ct Gas invoice, therefore it is not in September's financials for approximately \$850.00
  - All other expenses were in line.
  - Cash at month end is \$531,000 vs. \$521,000 September 2020 for a variance of \$10,000.
  - (We have a \$150,000 government loan that was acquired in FY 2020 and is now in both month end cash balances)
  - Our SBA loan payment starts in September for \$621.00 per month.
  - The GAC received another IRS notice for our payroll taxes for FY 2020 third quarter for \$19,500. We have received this notice before and have been working with our payroll provider PayChex to remedy this issue without having to pay anything. Jeff Devaney thought this issue was put to bed last February until this new notice was delivered last month. Currently we are waiting for an update from paychex.

*Last month there was a question from membership on why the GAC's bank fees are between \$1,200-1,400 each month. Financial Secretary; Tom Langdon, advised the members that the bank fees are related to the POS system for credit/debit card transactions.*

10. Standing Committee reports:
  - Francis O'Neill, Membership Committee advised the membership that Daniel Enright, an Irish Student studying at Fairfield University has been proposed for membership while studying in the USA (proposed by Dave Curtain and Peter Carroll). Motion to accept Daniel Enright - Art Began, 2nd Angus Mcciver. Motion carried. Membership is now closed for 2021.
  - Good & Welfare: Mary Alvarez sent two Get Well Cards: Anne Curtain & Mary Brennan
  - Newsletter: Maura Kallaway - submissions for newsletter are due today!
  - ShamRogues: There is live music in the GAC the first Friday of every month. In November we will host Brian Conway playing a session 6pm-8pm.
  - Jim Feeney, The Annual St. Pat's Dinner Dance will be hosted on Saturdays Dec 4th. St Pat's will be honoring Gael of the Year; Tom Egan. Doors open at 6.30pm. \$100 a head for Adults, \$75 a head for Seniors.
  - Family Fun: Rose Close is planning Oct 29th Halloween Theme movie and kids parade

- Hanging of the Jerseys will be Nov 14th 4.30pm-8.00pm. CAMAC will be performing in the Bar. Tyrone and Limerick Jerseys will be hung this year.
- Bridgeport St. Patrick's Parade Committee - Gerry Reidy passed the President of GAC as Grand Marshall this year, fundraising activities for the scholarship that the Parade Committee funds each year are on-going
- Great Hunger Museum, a Day of Action will take place Oct 30th from 1pm-5pm. We invite all Irish and Irish Americans to support the event.

11. Old Business:

- n/a

12. New Business:

- Next month there is a concert in the Carolan Room. The membership meeting will be held at the earlier time of 7pm.
- The Nomination Committee announced Executive Committee Candidates for 2022:
  - The position of President: Gerry Forde will run against Faith Maciver
  - The position of Vice President; John Foley - unopposed
  - The position of Recording Secretary; Aaron Curtis - unopposed
  - The position of Treasurer: Tom Egan - unopposed
  - The position of Financial Secretary - Thoma Langdon - unopposed
  - The position of Director 3 Years - Tony Hogan - unopposed
  - The position of Sergeant of Arms: Simon McCarthy - unopposed

Club President; Gerry Forde adjourned the meeting at 9.15pm.

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**Aaron Curtis**  
**Recording Secretary**