



Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JANUARY 14th 2021 AT 8.03PM

CAROLAN ROOM

Meeting was called to order at 8.03pm by Club President Gerry Forde

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	Absent
Director 2 Years:	Gerry O'Donovan	Present
Director 3 Years:	Sheila Tesei	Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Tony Hogan	Present

The club prayer and pledge of allegiance were read by President Forde.

President Forde acknowledged the passing of Irish school teacher Ashling Murphy with a moment of silence.

A motion to approve the December minutes was proposed by Noreen Forde, Kathleen Blackhall 2nd. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- None

Permittee's report:

- It has been a slow start to January at the GAC. People seem to be staying home. There will be an increase in liquor, prices will go up by \$0.50. There will also be an increase in bottled beers, prices will go up \$0.25. For now, there will be no increase on draught beer as there has been no increase from the distributors. The price of wine will not increase at this time.

Manager's report:

- The Giving Tree finished with 1400-1500 tags and was deemed a great success. Parties have been canceled this year due to COVID - Irish NYE, Rotary club, two birthday parties and the Grand Marshal's Ball. Trivia came back to the GAC last week. Traditional Irish music sessions with Mary Ellen went ahead on Friday last.

The GAC is still seeking a new head chef - interviews are ongoing.
For the Super Bowl on February 13th there will be a buffet in both rooms and the bar area.

The senior lunch on January 27th seems to be intent on coming out. We will keep this event on unless numbers are low.

No mask mandate in Fairfield - members do not need to wear masks at the GAC.

Treasurer's report:

- Bank Account Balances are:
 - Bankwell: \$123,188.97
 - Peoples: \$236,780.16
 - Mortgage: \$340,987.69

Motion to accept Treasurer's report - John Commerford, Jimmy Feeney - 2nd. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Pub revenue is \$43,645 for December 21 vs \$51,521 for November 21 a decrease of \$7,876 or 15%.
- Kitchen revenue is \$39,910 for December 21 vs \$50,174 for November 21 a decrease of \$10,264 or 20%.
- Pub cost of sales is 46% of revenue - On the high side
- Kitchen cost of sales is 61% of revenue - Very high - last month was very low.
- Compensation was high due to a one week christmas bonus.
- Maintenance & repairs - Euro interiors \$2,800, Carpet care \$1,122, C&CMechanical \$750
- Other- Miscellaneous Costs \$2,749 Recruiting
- Donation \$15,000 to set up Angle Fund
- All other expenses were in line.
- Cash at month end is \$371,000 vs. \$313,000 December 2020 for a positive variance of \$58,000.
- (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 started in September for \$621.00 per month.
- Jeff Devaney received another IRS notice for our payroll taxes for FY 2020 third quarter for \$19,500. The GAC has received this notice before and has been working with our payroll provider PayChex to remedy this issue without having to pay anything. Jeff thought this issue was put to bed last February until this new notice was delivered last month. Currently Jeff is waiting for an update from paychex.
- Jeff Devaney talked to the IRS and they received our revised 941 for the third quarter of 2020 from PayChex on August 10th , which should clear this issue up. It will take them an estimated 20 weeks until they process the revised 941. Hopefully, this will be cleared up by year end. No update at this time.
- We had revenue of \$1,736,649 and expenses of \$1,727,750 for fiscal year 2021. Net income for the year is \$18,696.

Motion to accept Financial Secretary Report - Dr. Carolan, Mary Ellen Lyons - 2nd. Motion carried.

Standing Committee reports:

- Membership Committee, Francis O'Neill - Memberships are coming in quick. We are receiving various forms of payment which are taking time to process. Please have patience with the membership committee during the membership renewal period. Further updates next month.
- Sports: St. Patrick's Gaelic & Football, Jimmy Feeney - St. Pat's delayed the start of introduction to Gaelic football for kids 5-8 yrs of age. We hope to start the first week of March. The Cul Camp is coming back in 2022, we hope to host it in the last week of June. There will be a U8 tournament hosted Father's Day weekend which will be returning this year for the first time since COVID.
- SHIMS, Mary Ellen Lyons - The first Friday of the month there has been a professional musician in the club leading the session. This coming Friday Feb 4th it will be Dee Freedman, Violinist from central Connecticut. Come on down! The Shamroques practice every Wednesday, it's an open session so members are encouraged to come down and listen or try an instrument.
- Library, Mary Ellen Lyons - Mary Ellen requested that there be no new book donations left to the Club until June. There are no volunteers right now and the capacity is too high to handle. We will revisit in June.
- BagPipers, Art Began - Art is looking for new members for the band. Practice is Wednesday night 6.30PM. We might host an open night to attract new members. We will keep members posted.

Old Business:

- Update: Great Hunger Museum closure provided by GAC VP; John Foley. Negotiations are ongoing to keep the Great Hunger Museum collection in CT. More updates to come in February.

New Business:

- Election committee: Frank Byrne and Art Began re-inaugurated Gerry Forde as the Gaelic American Club President. Simon McCarthy took on the role of Sergeant of Arms. Tony Hogan is now Director 3 Years.

Club President; Gerry Forde adjourned the meeting at 8.34pm.

Aaron Curtis
Recording Secretary