



Gaelic-American Club, Inc.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 11th 2022 AT 8.00PM

CAROLAN ROOM

Meeting was called to order at 8.06pm 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:	Gerry O'Donovan	Present
Director 2 Years:	Sheila Tesei	Present
Director 3 Years:	Tony Hogan	Present
Sergeant of Arms:	Simon McCarthy	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 January minutes was proposed by Kathleen Blackhall.

Mary Ellen Lyons 2nd. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

- None

Permittee's report:

- The Pub did \$32K in gross sales in one week - \$12K on Saturday alone. Staff have done a great job. Liquor costs were high because kegs went up \$8 a keg so we ordered extra in advance. The bar is stocking up on Jameson for next year - it is on sale in February every year. Pre-COVID - The GAC would have 80 kegs for St. Patrick's day. We are opening to the public. The plan is to add 10 extra kegs a week up until St. Patrick's day. Glass etching the first weekend in March - date to be finalized. Diageo bringing Guinness 0.0 to the US - when it becomes available we will try it at the club.
- The Permittee is seeking volunteers to pull pints on St. Patrick's Day.

- Diageo will be in the bar for Guinness glass etching in early March - date to be confirmed.

Manager's report:

- The Manager hired a new chef - still with us which is great. The second person for the Fry-chef job no-showed on Sunday. We have two weeks of script to go. Snow came on Friday night and the bar was busy Friday-Sunday. Members are going to go through the script - right now there is \$234k in unspent script which is higher than normal.
For the Super Bowl - the game starts at 6.15, buffet will be at 6pm. This week has been busy, the rest of the month will be busy. We will run the cultural night on a Sunday rather than Wednesday in March.
- Chimney issue is resolved for now.

Treasurer's report:

- Bank Account Balances are:
 - Bank well \$540,897.90
 - Peoples: \$259,237.04
 - Mortgage: \$302,330.54

Motion to accept Treasurer's report - Kathleen Blackhall, Jimmy Feeney - 2nd. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary Report:

- Pub revenue is \$30,918 for January 22 vs \$43,645 for December 21 a decrease of \$12,727 or 29%.
- Kitchen revenue is \$43,381 for January 22 vs \$39,910 for December 21 an increase of \$3,471 or 9%.
- Pub cost of sales is 45% of revenue - a little high
- Kitchen cost of sales is 46% of revenue - slightly low
- We received a check from the US Treasury for \$20,000 for third quarter 2020 payroll tax reimbursement. Jeff reduced compensation payroll taxes by that amount for the kitchen and Pub in January which resulted in a credit in those accounts for the month.
- All other expenses were in line.
- Cash at month end is \$814,000 vs. \$541,000 January 2021 for a positive variance of \$272,000. Membership fees received in January are \$486,000 an increase of \$178,000 over January 2021.
- (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 2021 for \$621.00 per month.
- FY 2021 outstanding scip at the end of January is \$234,000
- Jeff Devaney advised that the club is ahead on membership collections. More than 50% renewal already

Motion to accept Financial Secretary Report - Kathleen Blackhall. Mary Alvarez - 2nd. Motion carried.

Standing Committee reports:

- Membership Committee: Frances O'Neill provided an update on membership renewals. Next year there will be a new financial system to renew membership online. There have been some issues with the online portal this year.
- Good & Welfare: Deceased Members Plaque is in the process of being engraved.
- Parade Committee: Art Beegan - the Parade is not happening this year, however planning will begin for 2023.
- Elizabeth Power, Chair of Scholarship Committee - seeking new volunteers for the Scholarship Committee for 2023. Volunteers will read submissions for scholarships and decide on winners.
- Senior Luncheon: 55 Seniors attended last month's event. Played Bingo, held a 50/50 raffle and the event was a great success. For March prices will be \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members.
- Set Dancing is back since COVID-19: Thursday night set dancing needs people! Come down and have fun and learn how to set dance.

Old Business:

- Update: Great Hunger Museum closure provided by GAC VP; John Foley. John Foley presented a sculpture to members that will be on show at the GAC throughout the month of February. The piece, recently crafted from Bog Oak (dated 1700 BC) will be presented to Andy Breslin at the March membership meeting after his generous donation to the GAC to help with the Ireland's Great Hunger Museum Day of Action.
- John Foley also advised that negotiations are ongoing to keep the Great Hunger Museum collection in CT. The goal is to keep the collection within the Irish community in CT. More updates to come in March.

New Business:

- The GAC will be open to members of the public on St. Patrick's Day. A fee of \$5 will be charged for non-members.
- GAC Member Joanna Quinn, authored a book '*Greta Grace*'. Joanna addressed the members of the GAC introducing her book and donated a copy to Mary Ellen Lyons & the GAC Library.
- Request from Mary Condon to host Senior Luncheon's outside in the spring. - The request is taken under consideration and an update will be provided at the march meeting.
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Club President; Gerry Forde adjourned the meeting at 8.42pm.

Aaron Curtis
Recording Secretary