



Ancient Order of
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Ancient Order of Hibernians – Michigan State Board Meeting
Saturday, May 14th, 2022 @ 11am

Opened meeting at 11:04

1. Opening prayers
2. Roll call of officers
 - a. Chaplain: Fr Richard - excused
 - b. President: Mike Kelly - prs
 - c. VP: Tim Higgins - present
 - d. Recording Secretary: Patrick Sullivan - present
 - e. Treasurer: Bill Kelly -present
 - f. Financial Secretary: Tim Casey - present
 - g. Past President: Kevin Burke - excused
 - h. Historian: Bob Slattery - present
 - i. Organizer: Mick Lane - absent
 - j. Charities & Missions: Sam McVean - absent
 - k. Catholic Action: Bill Sullivan - excused
 - l. FFAI: Paul Gaudy - present
 - m. Pro Life: Rob Bovitz - present
 - n. Veterans Affairs: vacant
 - o. Immigration: Joe Kelly - excused
 - p. Web Master: Ed Harkins - excused
 - q. Hibernian Hunger – Paul - present
 - r. Project St. Patrick: Mike Riley - present
 - s. An Gorta Mor: Phil Carolan – excused
3. Reading of communications & correspondence - Accepted
 - a. Blank
 - i. So moved: Bob Bovitz
4. A moment of silence for Bill Lonagan
5. Report of sick: Brian Dunleavy & Mike Zellely & Tommy O’Hallaran & Patrick Derrig & Eoin Cummings
6. Bills & Claims: Motion to Pay
 - a. UIS Parade Time \$225
 - b. Fuel reimbursement
7. Communications: none.
8. President Report
 - a. Motion to accept: Paul Gowdy
9. VP Report
 - a. Motion to accept: Mike Reilly
10. Treasurer Report
 - a. Motion to accept as amended: Mike Kelly /
11. Financial Secretary
 - a. Form 11 reminders

- b. Motion to accept: Rob Bovitz
- 12. Past President – Out West
- 13.
- 14. Chair Report
 - a. Financial Secretary: none
 - b. Historian: Origins on the AOH website (national)
 - i. Influence of Irish history on holidays
 - ii. Relationship b/w Irish & Choctaw nation
 - iii. Ireland connection with Ukraine
 - 1. Ancient history via DNA in Belfast (territory around the Ukraine)
 - 2. Current circumstance is similar to relationship with England
 - 3. Use of famine as a weapon
 - 4. Occupation tactics
 - 5. Questions of neutrality in the face of brutality
 - c. Charities & Missions:
 - d. FFAI: SF elected the majority of NI. Stormont not guaranteed to be led by SF.
 - e. Pro Life: Rob Bovitz – respect life at all stages. Legislation was to codify Roe v Wade. Emails re: security of churches
 - f. Immigration:
 - g. Hibernian Hunger: Soup kitchen benefit ceased due to restaurant closures. Searching for other options. Donations requested to keep the Hibernian Hunger project.
 - h. Project St. Patrick: Two seminaries in Detroit to be assisted. Easter appeal to be made from January to May. September the notes to be sent out to seminarians for disbursements in December. Patrick Ryan division made \$500 donation. First year in generations that no priest was ordained in May.
 - i. Web Master report:
 - j. An Gorta Mor: just had first meeting. Validating positions to preserve memorial. They will have mass on Sunday September 18th 2 pm at St. Joe’s in the Irish Hills. Contains historic cemetery. Charter and by-laws were sent. Funds are ~50k
 - k. Charities & Missions: Sam McVean sent note. Discussion and initiative to document all charitable activities & donations.
- 15. Old business
 - a. Discussion of
- 16. New Business
 - a. Project St. Patrick to send \$500 to PSP via Hibernian Charities. Motion: Mike Second: Tim Higgins
 - b. Hibernian rifles mentioned in Hibernian Digest
 - c. AOH / LAOH National Convention July 12-27 Wyndham grand hotel. Tom McNabb grant to members less than 40. Constitution amendments due to membership -27% . 66 divisions closed. Proposal to remove gender restriction. Reduces legal liability for AOH. Women were initially an auxiliary. Then made their own entity. Other organizations removed gender restrictions.
 - d. Email to all divisions so that we can know who all our delegates are. A meeting in June.

- e. Ukrainian earrings. Interest to communicate?
 - f. Michigan state convention: Need a host division.
 - g. Divisions & State Board to be friends on Facebook – Tim Derrig
 - h. Bob Slattery: Sullivan & O’Sullivan golf outing. Hole signs are great advertising. Have a hole sign. The Golf outing will be the day before Father’s Day.
 - i. Motor City Irish fest (put dates)
 - j. Sparta Celtic festival in Kent County in August
 - k. Muskegon Irish Music Festival is this September 15-18
 - l. Beaver Island Irish festival
 - m. Emerald Island Irish festival
 - n. Reminder to send out website events
17. Motion to adjourn 12: 40
- a. Motion to accept: Mike Kelly / Second: Paul Gowdy