

Emerald Society of Columbus

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 18, 2025

Officers Present: President Sean Moore; Vice-President John Collins; Secretary/Treasurer Mike Redmond; Executive Board Members; Gary Rundio; Dana Russell. Quorum Met.

Meeting Called to Order: President Sean Moore called the General Membership meeting to order at 7:00pm and led us in the Pledge to the Flag.

Approval of the July Meeting Minutes: Secretary Mike Redmond: A motion to wave the reading and approve the July Meeting Minutes was made by Caroline Castro and seconded by John Collins, Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Mike Redmond reported that we have a total of \$18,389.48 in the bank account. We have \$9,343.77 in the Checking Account and \$9,045.71 in the Scholarship Account. Our income last month was \$.08 from Interest. Our expenses were \$770.00 for food at the Commissioner's Box at the Clippers game on August 8th and \$247 on new T-Shirts to sell. A motion to accept the Treasurer Report was made by Paul Morrison and seconded by Caroline Castro. Motion Carried.

Membership Report: Secretary Mike Redmond reported that we have a total of 126 Members with 52 total new. We still have 19 Members from 2024 who have not renewed their Membership yet. No new members to vote on.

Clann na nGael Report: President Sean Moore reported that the Clann na nGael Committee is adjourned for the summer and will take up meeting again in September. He also reported that it will be the Emerald Society's turn next year to appoint the Junior Trustee in case any member would like to serve. It will be a 2-year commitment as you move from Junior to the Senior Trustee.

Blue Mass: Sean Moore reported will attend the Blue Mass at St. Timothy this year on September 11th. Mass starts at 5:00pm. There are various sponsor levels for this Mass. Mike Redmond will reach out to St. Timothy for more information on sponsor levels. A motion that we sponsor up to \$250 was made by Caroline Castro and seconded by Dana Russell. Motion Carried.

Christmas Party: Dana Russell reported that we are all scheduled to have the Christmas Party at Tios on Tuesday December 9th. We can only accommodate 50 Members and Guest. A sign-up sheet was started. The Emerald Society will pay for a member and one guest. We also are covering \$400

towards the bar bill. Please contact Dana Russell by email if you would like to attend Email: mailto:drussell@yahoo.com

Clippers Game: Dan Mentel is going to contact Commissioner O'Grady to see if we could get one more game in the box this season.

Emerald Society Golf Outing: Tom Hart reported that we are on the schedule for Friday June 26, 2026, at Champions Golf. More to follow.

Old Business: Caroline Castro reported that she is meeting with Columbus City Councilman Emmanuel Remy who will reinstate the Safety Award for the Clann na nGael Awards next year.

New Business: Christina McConahy from the Shamrock Club has told Caroline Castro about CPD Officers from 13 precinct who assisted a group she is involved with that cleans up roadways and parks on the Southside of Columbus. Caroline is going to reach out to the precinct about Emerald Society Membership to any interested.

AOH Golf Outing \$100 Hole Sponsorship. A motion to do a hole sponsorship for the AOH Golf Outing was made by Mike Malloy and seconded by Paul Morrison. Motion Carried

Caroline Castro suggested we investigate the cost of getting our own Challenge Coin. The initial cost is usually in the initial design. Colin McCarthy and Mason Paramore have volunteered to head this up.

Kevin Ganger reported that retired CPD Homicide Detective Ann Novotny passed away on August 3rd. Kevin said she had been a prior member of the Emerald Society many years ago although there was some disagreement about this.

AOH and Octoberfest: Sean Moore reported that our Hibernian brothers are fundraising to help pay for some new construction at Tara Hall. He told them we could get some of our members to help them pour beers at the Octoberfest on September 5, 6 & 7 at the state fairgrounds. It sounds like a fun time. They have many four-hour shifts available over the weekend. Each volunteer gets an Octoberfest tee shirt, sandwich, and can sip a beer while serving. The AOH makes a lot of money volunteering for this fun community event. Please let him know if you can help. He is planning on working a shift Friday evening. There are many shifts available on Saturday and Sunday also. Friends and family members can join in.

Tee Shirts: We have a new round of Tee Shirts for sale. \$15 S, M, L. \$20 for XL XXL XXXL. Contact Sean Moore.

Upcoming Events: AOH Golf Outing Monday September 15th at The Players Club at Foxfire. \$90 per player: https://patrickpearse.com/2025-golf-outing

Motion to Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Molloy and seconded by Paul Morrison. Motion Carried and the meeting adjourned around 7:57pm

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michael Redmond

Secretary/Treasurer