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Upcoming Events

- Nov. 16th Regular Member's Meeting 7pm Raben Real Estate Board Room, 302 Main, Rapid City, SD.
- Dec. 7th Board Meeting 7pm Dr. Jim Byrne's Office 2525 W. Main, Suite 204, Rapid City, SD
- Dec. 14th Regular Member's Meeting Raben Real Estate
- Dec. 31st Hogmany Dahl Fine Arts Center

Notice the change from the 3rd Tuesday to the 2nd Tuesday for the regular member's meeting in December.



President Jim Byrne

Dear Fellow Participants in the Electoral Process,

November has started auspiciously with a combined SIS and Dakota Celts celebration of Samhain. It was a fine party with good food, good songs, games, and a silent auction. SIS and Dakota Celts members had an opportunity to meet and converse. The new rapport between our two groups portends future joint endeavors to our mutual benefit.

Coming up in the near future is our annual observance of Hogmanyay (New Year's Eve). Sally and Bill Knight have generously offered the

hospitality of their lovely home for this quintessentially home-centered traditional holiday. Mark your calendar for Friday, December 31.

As the year of 2010 draws to a close, it is time for the election of next year's officers and board of directors members. Nominations will be heard at the November Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, November 16th, 7:00 PM, at Raben Realty. The election will be held at the December Meeting of the Members on Tuesday, December 14th. The vitality of our organization depends upon your participation in this election, so please plan to be there to cast your votes.

Best regards,
Jim Byrne, President
Scottish and Irish Society of
the Black Hills

Irish Blessing

May the grass grow long
On the road to hell
For want of use.

Meeting Notes

Board Meeting
11/04/2010

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. Last month's minutes were read. No corrections.

Treasurer's Report: 1,899 in checking. Treasurer presented a detailed handout

of a proposed budget for upcoming events. (See attached with minutes).

Old Minutes: Recap of the Western Dakota Technical Institute Cultural Fair.

Carole Conrad and Marlene Wilcox represented SIS and stated it was successful as far as getting the word out about SIS.

New Minutes: Pat Hamilton informed BOD that a change to a bi-law clause may

be needed. This referred to a requirement of a cadet/student may be on the Board. She suggested that it may be beneficial to change the bi-law to "any other interested organization". This will be discussed further as the member meeting. Paul Smith suggested that a bi-law committee be formed.

Samhain: Discussion concerning the Halloween party with the Dakota Celts. Jim

Byrne reviewed plans, times, sign-up lists. Party is at Celts Hall around 6:00 pm.

Hogmanay: Jim Byrne reminded members that the contract with the Dahl needs to

be signed after review by Board. Siaryn Duggan suggested that before the contract

is signed, that we should see how it goes with the Dakota Celts. It was felt that we should wait to sign the contract in case there is an invitation to combine the event at Celts Hall. Pat Hamilton implied that Jim could email the board to see if there were objections. Jim declined, stating he felt emails are difficult to get out at times. Paul

Smith made a motion to not commit to the Dahl until after the Halloween party based on Siaryn's suggestion. If there are no objections, then the president has permission

to sign the contract with the Dahl. Seconded by Jim Byrne. 9 yays, 2 nays.

Burns' Dinner: Jim reported that the Fraternal order of the Police wants \$1500 to

rent their hall. Blessed Sacrement wants \$75 for the hall, \$50 for kitchen, \$95 for

insurance, \$20 for staff, and a requirement of a beer and wine license for one day.

Dahl wants \$400 to rent hall. Celts Hall can seat only 82 people. Further ideas

were: Howard Johnson's, Rushmore Plaza, Elks Lodge.

St. Pat's: to be discussed.

Elections for offices and Board of Directors:

Pat Hamilton will run for president.

Josh Ellis for vice president.

Jim Byrne as past president/board member.

Carole Conrad for treasurer.

John Burke as board member.

Paul Smith as board member.

Winnie Balster as board member.

Ron Balster was nominated to run as board member.

John Duggan has declined board position.

Bill Knight has declined board position.

Sally Knight has declined secretary position.

Next Board Meeting: December 7 at 7:00 pm. Next member meeting on 12/14 at Raben Realty.

Officers

President Jim Byrne
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Vice President Pat Hamilton

Secretaries Heather Williams & Sally Knight

Treasurer Carole Conrad

Board Members John Duggan, Susan Peterson, Jim Byrne, Bill Knight, Paul Smith & Winnie Balster

Past President John Burke

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If you would like to contribute an article or story, list an event, submit a photo, etc. to the newsletter, please email the item to me by the

5th of each month.

Member News

Aliyah Sanders was published on the blog, Examiner.com. She featured the St. Patrick festivities at the Chop House. It was an interesting article and gave SIS a nice bit of exposure.

SIS is trying to consolidate its holdings in the basement of the Celtic Connection due to some pending construction. The club owns some large tent poles minus the tent (long story). Anyone with any need for these poles or any ideas as to who might want them, contact Jim Byrne

(jkbyrne@rap.midco.net) or Siaryn Duggan (gaelictracer@rushmore.com) .

Samhain Photos



Ron & Winnie



Heidi & Micky



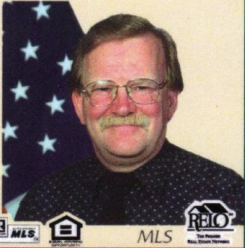
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