

President's Report

March 13, 2016 Board of Director's Meeting
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

SASMM 2016 Goals: March Updates

- 2016 Calendar of Events: Confirmed some event dates; others pending.
- 2016 Budget for SASMM: Presented at January 2016 BOD meeting and accepted; 2017 budget will be drafted for November BOD and AGM meetings
- Resolve remaining IRS issue (fines): Still pending
- Finalize Audit 2015: Still pending. John was to contact CPA for update (Feb 20 email)
- Update SASMM Bylaws: Not yet started; target June/July
- Outreach and partnership with other organizations: Outreach to Mid-Maryland Irish Festival, Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Garrett County Celtic Festival, etc.

Burns Nicht Supper: February 20, 2016

Summary provided to BOD by email on February 26, 2016 with estimated financial summary; Silent Auction (list of items, winners, and payments); Donor List (donors who will receive a thank you letter that acknowledges their donation so they have documentation for tax purposes if they choose); and updated Thank you/Acknowledgement Letter.

Scottish-American Heritage Month, April, and Tartan Day (April 6)

Ken McIntosh from Colorado provided a poster to promote the recognition of April as Scottish-American Heritage month. As of today, it is not a nationally recognized "heritage month", although many federal institutions accept it as a de facto month due to the National Tartan Day Senate, House and Executive Office recognition. Since 2008 some States have recognized April as the month; Maryland is not one of them. There is an effort to establish a national recognition for about 16 years, and hasn't been able to get it passed in Congress. We hope to reach out to other Maryland organizations to promote this.

In addition Annapolis Mayor Michael Pantelides and the City of Annapolis will recognize April as Scottish-American Heritage Month through a proclamation.

Website and FB: Updates continue. Festival websites updates needed.

DJP Spirit of Scotland Award: Award presented to Joe Wigginton at the Burns Supper on February 20th.

Raffles and Permits: SASMM is raffling items at Burns Supper and the Celtic Festival. Raffle permits are needed in both Frederick and Carroll Counties. Chris Spruill has obtained the permit for Frederick County (\$50, good for all of 2016), and Cindy Wolfe is working on the permit for Carroll County.

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March 10, 2016