

President's Report

November 8, 2015 Board of Director's Meeting
Saint Andrew's Society of Mid-Maryland, Inc.

Outreach: SASMM banners and brochure are being updated; connecting with other Celtic and similar organizations to work together.

Several members (Barb, Marty, Bill, Marianne, Ralph and JoAnn) are manning the SASMM booth at the Maryland Irish Festival on 6 and 7 November. There is no cost for booth space and they are providing four tickets; SASMM will buy the remaining one. They are eager to talk and work together.

Bill, Marianne, and Susan attended the Richmond, VA games. Although SASMM did not have its own tent, we used the opportunity to talk gather information and ideas from the festival overall. SASMM may want to consider which games we would like to attend in 2016 beyond the Southern Maryland (April) and The Plains (September).

Website and FB: Updates continue as well as direct emails to all SASMM members

Nominations and Election Committee: Ballots have gone out and a reminder will be sent as the bio was not included for one candidate. They are due 15 November.

Bylaws revision: Progress on the Bylaws revision has been delayed. When the revision work started there was only a hard copy of the Bylaws and retyping/scanning was in progress. However, at the October 11th meeting an electronic copy was found (see below). A preliminary draft will hopefully be available soon.

Audit: Pending.

Newsletter: Remains on hold; however there is increased communication with SASMM members with direct emails.

DJP/SASMM Service Award: Charly has action of getting the Quaich engraved as it will be awarded to Dorothy at the AGM. Wording was agreed upon at the last meeting. The policy and procedure for the award was approved at the October 11th BOD meeting.

SASMM Credit card for President: Recommend that the President be issued a SASMM debit/check card for several reasons: already has authority for purchases; cleaner accounting; no need for reimbursements that have, in some cases, taken months; planned backup in the event of loss of card; and more than one point of accessibility.

Past Scholarships: In the continuing effort to document and highlight the scholarships and grants SASMM has awarded, the following were found on the above-mentioned thumb drive that had documents from 2001 – March 2011

In 2010 file labeled "Grant Apps:"

1. Calvert County Fire and EMS Pipes and Drums (Chris Buffalini) requested \$2,2,39.00 for new equipment [Per Charly they received an award. Marianne added this to the SASMM website.]

2. Alex Douwes requested \$600.00 for bagpipe lessons.

3. Scott Morrison requested support for making a music video on how to play the Bodran. There was not a specific amount but an estimate of \$125/hours for video and \$100/hour editing for about three (3) hours of work.

--- For #2 and #3, the only records are the applications and a June 2010 letter from Treasurer (Charly) noting that there would be a delay in the BOD acting on these due to the festival work.

--- There are no documents after these; not even one that confirms the award to pipe band.

Recommend that these documents be found and added to the central documents (see below) and added to the website (if these were awarded). These are critical for several reasons: accounting to IRS that SASMM meets its stated mission; transparency to the public and SASMM members about the use of funds; promoting further scholarships; and promoting SASMMM overall.

SASMM Historical Documents and Recordkeeping: At the October 11th BOD meeting I received a thumb drive obtained from Genny Furley via Joe Wiggington that has many document, including the Bylaws.

The content includes records from 2001 – March 2011 for both SASMM and Festival. There are no documents for 2012 through 2014.

On October 19th I emailed the Past President Joe Wiggington to thank him for the historical documents and requested SASMM and festival documents from 2012 – 2014; however there has been no response to the email.

SASMM has the BOD meeting minutes from 2014 when Barbara started as Secretary, and 2014 and 2015 BOD minutes are posted on the SASMM website.

----Recommend that we contact all prior BOD members to request any documents they might be able to share.

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