DOE General Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2025
Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm

Open Prayer: Marcia Springer
Pledge: Peggy Shanahan

Review Secretary's Report: submitted by Marcia Springer.
Motion to accept the September minutes by Jean Winters. Peggy McCathran seconded. The motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Margie Thompson
Money market $35,075.37 at 2.475% interest rate.
Looking into moving to be a "new" account for a higher interest rate.
Savings account $8,944.04 (Scholarship fund).
Motion to accept for audit September and October minutes by Cathy Appel, seconded by Karen Fahy. The motion carried.

President's Comments:

47th Anniversary meeting! Thank you to Tara Horsley for making the beautiful cake!

A committee is formed to study what we can do to improve Junior membership/meetings. Peggy Shanahan will call group moderators to meet.

Aprons
Colleen Collins shared that her mother, Carolyn will be taking orders for embroidered aprons. You can have your name added to the apron as well. $20 each . Orders will be taken today.

The badge cabinet has found a home! Peggy McCathran has delivered it to the Shamrock Club. They are deciding on where to hang it.

Table coverings
Margie Hess is working on a logo that is round with a St. Brigid Cross in the center for reusable table covering at various events. Jessica and Rhonda are helping.

Old Business:

Book release party-Monday March 2
Cliodhna O'Sullivan "Her Hidden Fire" a young adult fantasy book to be released in March. We will promote it and host a release party on Monday, March 2. Tara Ryan-Gallagher, who works at Prologue bookshop, will partner with us and Penguin publishing. Book release planning meeting Oct. 17.

Clann na nGael "One Family Irish" Meeting Oct. 14

Columbus Comhaltas is a new member of CNG

Ceili with Comhaltas on Friday, November 7 at the Shamrock Club. Peggy Shanahan will be the caller.

More cultural events:
Irish language class for 10 weeks by Michaela Fallon. Thursdays at 7pm at the Shamrock Club starting Oct. 16. There will be a fee.

Oct. 10 AOH event at the Shamrock club
Mike Mental series 6:30pm. Topic - Northern Ireland, Good Friday agreement through today.

LAOH is doing their "Socktober" fundraiser through October. You can donate new socks at the Shamrock club and Tara Hall.

Look to the newsletter for all events

Meet and Greet
Oct. 21 Tuesday 6pm at Cardo's
-this is also as a thank you for the golf outing contributions

New Business

Bereavement Luncheons at Shamrock Club
A brief overview was given of what the committee provides. Peggy Shanahan contacted Mary Grady-Strickland to discuss needs. Please look for information in the newsletter if you are interested in helping.

Irish Woman of the Year
Nominations are now being accepted. The vote will take place at the December board meeting. Jean Winters will collect and present nominees. IWOY will be announced at the December general meeting.

Member of the Year
This member is someone who is instrumental in helping the president. The president chooses who she is and will announce at the January meeting

Committee Reports:

Charities: Cheryl Costello (excused)
Marianne Wenger, Jessica Hedgcock, Cathy Appel are helping with Charities this year

Marianne Wenger reported:

Sept - School supplies for a needy sent to CPS schools. 660 items donated.

October “Heer to Serve” - Homeless camp on south side. Donations of handwarmers, AAA and AA batteries, 1lb propane canisters.

November “JOIN” - small toiletry items will be collected to donate.

December “Adopt A Family”
We currently have 2 families. Please contact Cheryl Costello by the end of October if you have a referral.

January “Saints Alive” serves 350 sandwiches each week, and visits to homeless camps. gloves, hats, snack foods, ramen noodles, AAA batteries are needed.

Irish Life Experience - Marianne Wenger & Karen Jones
They met and went over ILE scholarship with Karen Jones. Scholarship committee is meeting this week. Joey Bogue will speak at next meeting.

Cultural: Colleen Collins

Easter 1918 rising information in the newsletter

Irish road bowling at Deer Creek Oct. 26

Shamrock Club blood drive, bloody Mary’s, and yard sale Oct 13

Show called “The Boglands” on Nexflix

Membership: Kelly Green
110 general member
8 junior
14 honorary
3 charter
124 total
New chair Erin Trueman(excused)

Karen Jones requested address labels for Christmas cards to be sent to our older members.

Haley Mitchell will choose the next Meet and Greet.

Publicity: Karen Fahy, Allie Springer
Let her know if you have something for the Newsletter.

Allie is looking into Canva for non-profit. The DOE are being reviewed to use Canva for free. Logo Margie Hess is making will be digitized. Make sure to have your picture taken today for the anniversary meeting.

Hospitality: Siobhan Hawks, Tara Horsley

November - baked potato bar. Potatoes will be provided. Please bring toppings.

December - Christmas meeting. Rowdy raffle will be chaired by Jessica Hedgecock.

Spiritual: Sandee Murphy
samurphy711@gmail.com
Pray for all that are on our prayer line.
Lindsey Archer (Patty Archer's daughter)
Eric Hawks-heart procedure (Siobhan's husband)
Patti Heinl-having double vision (Jessica's adopted mother)
Becky Ellis-still having trouble breathing

Traditions: Margie Hess
Committee focuses on St. Patrick's Day, parade float. Margie has books to research more information about Grace O'Malley. Pirate Grace O'Malley will be played by a member who will ride on the float. We will pass out gold chocolate coins along the parade route. Working on ocean waves to be carried by 4 members. Working to mount a harp flag. Signage on the side of the truck with QR code to lead people to the story of Grace O'Malley on our website. Disassembly team needed at the end of parade

Junior Division: Beth Shelley, Kelly Baesmann (excused)

Board of Directors:
Karen Jones - no report
Debbie Lynch - excused
Peggy Arnold - John O'Brien has been contacted about receiving The Irish American News Magazine - not cost effective, read online version.

Parliamentarian: Jean Winters
No report

Sergeant at Arms: Peggy McCathran
No report

Historian: Becky Ellis (excused)
Looking for old photos of DOE events and members

Upcoming dates:

Oct. 10 AOH and LAOH informational event to tell about Good Friday agreement
Oct. 12 Shamrock Club Blood drive/ socktober drive sponsored by LAOH
Oct. 21 Meet and Greet at Cardos pizza 6pm
Oct. 25 Irish road bowling at Deer creek 9am
Holiday luncheon meeting Dec. 14 at Clintonville Women's Club
Irish Breakfast March 1 at OLV
Book release party March 2

Look for the board meeting and general meeting dates in the newsletter-some dates have changed.
Birthday luncheon -1st Wednesday of month 1pm. Let Peggy Shanahan know if you are interested, RSVP is needed.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sandee Murphy with 2nd by Jessica Hedgecock. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Marcia Springer
Secretary