

DOE General Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2026

Meeting called to order at 2:00pm

Opening Prayer: Marcia Springer

Pledge: Marcia Springer

Michael from Clear Creeks and Byways spoke at the meeting and collected donations.

Review Secretary's Report: submitted by Marcia Springer.

Motion to accept the May Meeting minutes by Cathy Appell. Melanie Smith seconded. The motion was carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: submitted by Mary Freimark

A motion was made to accept the financial report for audit by Alex McCall. Sharon Selby seconded. Motion passed.

President's Comments:

- Thank you for electing me! Call or text Cheryl whenever with any questions or concerns about anything. Her contact info is in the newsletter.

Committee Reports:

Charities: Marianne Wenger (excused). Covered by Sue Jones.

- Thank you for bringing in donations for Clear Creeks and Byways.
- Remember if you travel this summer to collect travel size toiletries from hotels. Also school supplies for the fall.

Cultural: Cathy Appell

- Shout out to Karen Fahy! Read the newsletter for goings on in the Columbus Irish community.
- Cathy shared fun facts about Irish celebrity birthdays, holidays, weather, and historical events in June. In February there will be a test over Cathy's Irish Fun Facts for a PRIZE!
- If you have an idea of something to plan and celebrate Irish culture, let her know and she's happy to plan something.

Scholarship/Irish Life Experience - Karen Jones | No report

Hospitality: Tara Horsley

Thank you for having a nice picnic today! The theme for September will be in the newsletter late this summer.

Membership: Peggy Shanahan | We have 120 members.

Publicity: Karen Fahy

- Let her know if you have something for the Newsletter or website.
- Looking into options to increase photos/reach at the DIF Tea Tent. (QR Codes or Photo apps)

Spiritual: Carolyn and Colleen Collins - email Colleen with any prayer requests at cmc_1110@yahoo.com

- May Crowning was beautiful! Thank you to all who participated.

Traditions: Margie Hess

- Gathering float ideas for St. Patrick's Day 2027. Ideas so far: **fairy lore**, traditional Irish women healing plants/foilage, Agnes Clerke (Irish astronomer with a moon crater named after her). The fairy theme was confirmed after discussion.

Junior- Kelly Baesmann

- Will try to recruit new members over the summer from dance schools and local churches.

Parliamentarian: Jean Winters | No report

Sergeant at Arms: Peggy McCathran (sub Melanie Smith) - No report

Historian: Becky Ellis

- Please share photos with Becky! She is looking for any and all photos, programs from events, etc. She can digitize/scan physical photos or documents.

Board of Delegates:

Tracee Collins (covered by Jessica) - looking into ordering new DOE t- shirts or merch for interested members.

Please let Tracee or Jessica know if there is a specific item you're interested in ordering and they will get pricing.

Debbie Lynch (covered by Jessica) - see Old Business for updates on golf outing/tea room

Jessica Hedgecock - No report.

Old Business:

Golf Outing - Debbie Lynch

- Sunday, July 19 at 1:30pm Pine Hill Golf Course. Next year will be on a Saturday at Pine Hill.

- Golfers are signing up, 4- 5 hole sponsors have been secured, promotion cards are set out at Cardo's Pizza for sign- ups.

- Still looking for door prizes, more hole sponsors and golfers.

DIF Tea Room/Scone Baking Update - Debbie Lynch

- Scone baking is July 25 at 9am at St. Catharine school cafeteria. The sign- up genius will go out at the end of the month to sign- up for shifts.

- Set up day for the Tea Room is on Thursday 7/30 at 11 am. There will be a crew for each day. 3 hour shifts. The sign- up genius will go out in July. Email Debbie Lynch with any questions.

- Maggie Groves suggests accepting new members as additional help even if shifts are full so they can see how everything works and feel included in our group.

New Business

Upcoming Events

- Flag day at the Shamrock Club next Sunday 6/14/26

- Please consider contributing to the St. Catharine's 50/50 raffle online through 6/15/26. They had to cancel their festival. Link in the newsletter.

- Irish Night at Columbus Clippers 6/16/26

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Sandee Murphy. 2nd by Patty Audrey. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm

Respectfully submitted by,
Allie Springer, Secretary