



Irish Heritage Society of Sacramento

General Meeting Minutes

April 1st, 2026

Call to Order: meeting was called to order 6:33pm by President Kevin Coen

Roll Call Officers: In attendance, Kevin Coen, Bill O'Connor, Dawn Wilson, Christina Newport

Approval of March Meeting minutes: Motion by Kristin O'Connor to accept as written, seconded by Bill O'Connor and passed.

Membership Report: 9 new memberships for 41 total memberships and 60+ members as of meeting date. 5 general, 29 senior, 7 family memberships.

Treasurer's Report: Income of \$220.60, \$72.25 payments, current balance \$1203.80. 1 reimbursement to Kevin Coen for \$30.00 for parade fees.

Unfinished Business:

- Calaveras Celtic Faire review went well, attendance was good, may visitors to booth.
- St. Mel dinner review Nice event, well attended, gained 3 memberships
- Father Paddy's party review big crowd, let us put up a banner.
- Buckeye School District review had a fun time, lots of children, gave information on Ireland.
- Murphys Irish Days review huge crowd, happy to have us, few stopped by our tent.
- Lunasa/Sofia review few stopped by table, newsletter signups, some confusion about new group.
- St. Patrick's Day Parade review went well, maybe look to be earlier in line. Possible ice chest on trailer next year
- Norcal Celtic Festival Kevin gave overview of our booth and dates and times, everyone welcome to hang out with us.

New Business:

- Kevin asked if any interest in Irish Legislative Caucus of California, decided not to pursue
- Ideas for April meet up and beyond, Christina said she could think of something for April, Dawn will do May and Poet night for June.
- Ideas were discussed to let more church patrons that we are out here.
- Irish Language classes, Kevin stated that he is working with Fiona Murphy to start classes in our area, more to come.
- Grants from Spark Good, Kevin stated that he has applied for 12 grants for Irish language classes and 12 for a community dance.
- Talk was had about a possible movie night and club BBQ.
- Kevin asked if we should have a discount off memberships for special events, it was decided by the group that this was not needed.

Communications:

- Contacted by Irish government about additional paperwork needed for grant application.
- Contacted about webpage correction for Irish sessions in Auburn
- Contacted by member Brian Maloney about help at Niorcal Celtic Festival
- Contacted by Meridee Smith about confusion where Irish session is now held in Auburn

Comments: None

Announcements: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm