**Minutes of a Meeting**

**of the Council of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society of Montreal**

**Tuesday, March 27h, 2018**

**1195 Sherbrooke St. W, Montreal**

**(The MacDonald-Stewart Foundation building)**

**Present:** J. P. McDermott, M. Nelson, E. Ralston, D. Clendenning,

**Regrets:** W. Kilfoyle, B. Mitchell, R. Ouellette, C. Spannaus

**Chairman:** President Michael Nelson chaired the meeting and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ acted as

 Secretary.

1. **Notice and Quorum**

As a notice of the meeting had been sent to all members of Council and as a quorum was present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1. **Agenda**

M. Nelson proposed to approve the agenda and seconded by E. Ralston. All in favour.

1. **Minutes**

J. McDermott proposed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by E. Ralston and all in favour.

1. **Business Arising**

Irish Studies project

It was agreed to fund the $5000 project, to take place next year, and the IPBS would $2500 this year and $2500 next year in the spring 2019. M. Nelson to speak with M. Kenneally, then confirm in writing.

 Irish Memorial:

 A special multi-Irish Society committee has been set up by the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) with support from Dr. M. Kenneally to support the Irish Memorial (Black Rock) initiative. Due to the change in City of Montreal mayor, it now clear that the new administration’s of mayor Valerie Plante will continue to support the project. The AOH has requested a member from the IPBS to support this initiative and attend upcoming meetings.

Jim McDermott shall represent the IPBS.

There has been mention of a second committee by Scott Phelan. More info needed.

Parade donation of $2,000 made.

JMN also donated $100 to the Irishman of the year breakfast on behalf of the IPBS

1. **Correspondence**

**Darcy McGee events.**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

The current value of our investments : at the end of February. There is also an amount in trust at CIBC worth $10,150. Current bank balance of over $20,521K is sufficient to cover outstanding cheques .

**7. Standing Committees**

**Charitable (**J. McDermott/M. Nelson)

A discussion took place to consider alternatives to issuing monthly cheques/gift cards. One option is to send out renewal gift cards that can be re-loaded on line. This can be done however accounting for these transactions needs to be discussed further. The IPBS is mainly a cheque based organization, which facilitates accounting at the moment.

To review further and revise.

**Education** (E. Ralston)

Irish Studies $5000 to be paid in 2 tranches for project to take place next year..

 **Finance**

See treasurer's report.

**Membership**

No news.

**Social and Entertainment**

 **Darcy McGee events**

**8. Other Business**

 Nothing to report

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

 The date of the next meeting is Tuesday, April 28 2018.

**10. Adjournment**

 There being no further business, M. Nelson proposed and E. Ralston seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20PM.