**Minutes of a Meeting**

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

**Tuesday, November 29th, 2016**

**IPBS Office - MacDonald-Stewart Foundation**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Present:** D. Clendenning, J. P. McDermott, M. Nelson, R. Ouellette, E. Ralston,C. Spannaus

**Regrets:** W. Kilfoyl, B. Mitchell, R. Waring

**Chairman:** President Michael Nelson chaired the meeting and R. Ouellette 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. This is the sixth meeting in the MacDonald-Stewart Foundation location.

1. **Agenda**

R. Ouellette proposed to approve the agenda and seconded by M. Nelson and all in favour.

1. **Minutes**

C. Spannaus proposed to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by M. Nelson and all in favour.

1. **Business Arising**

Donations:

Two cheques of $4,000 were sent to the MUHC Super Hospital and Shriner's Hospital respectively. The one for the MUHC was returned and will be corrected and will be re-sent due to a cheque error (missing the word "Foundation"). The two outstanding amounts of $2,000 remaining to reach our full commitment are to be sent out in December.

A cheque is to be prepared to renew the IPBS membership to Heritage Quebec.

Office:

Bookshelf still needs to be set up but office is considered 90% complete.

A service fee/rent cheque is to be sent this week. This will cover our service fee and rent for the period of Feb 2016 to dec.31 2016 since we moved locations and will bring us up to date.

Internet:

Web hosting and domain are now with Weebly. Videotron account will now cost approximately $13.79 per month. Well done Chad and David!

Newsletter: Michael Nelson and Chad Spannaus to prepare newsletter.

Insurance: Fort Insurance proposed for new office. Details to follow.

1. **Correspondence**

 Circulated at meeting, nothing to report.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

R. Ouellette stated that the current value of our investments has increased from $907K at the end of September, to approx $916K at the end of October 2016. Current bank balance is estimated to cover outstanding cheques in October.

A new CIBC bank account is being set up, with internet access to statements and balances. We are stepping up to on-line banking for the IPBS!

Proposal to move our CIBC account to the downtown branch from current location in Westmount. Edna, Jim and Mike are in favor. Robert has offered to try once more with Westmount. He may do so at his option. .

**7. Standing Committees**

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

Hospital final installments to be sent before the end of this calendar year.

**Education** (E. Ralston)

 No report this month

**Finance** (R. Ouellette)

See Treasurer's Report.

**Membership**

Regret to inform that Jimmy King has passed away. Long-time member Brian Turkington passed away this summer.

Edna Ralston has proposed that Glenn Chestnut (minister at St-Andrew's & St-Paul's) have an honorary membership.

Helen Meredith approved as a new member and along with a membership cheque for $25.

**Social and Entertainment**

A special event by the Thomas D'Arcy McGee Summer School was held on November 8th at the St-Gabriel's Church, entitled 'The trial of Padraig Pearse'. The play was a re-enactment of the trial of the leader of the 1919 Easter uprising, with the role of the prosecutor being held by T. D'Arcy McGee. IPBS members attended and the play was both entertaining and educational.

The Christmas Luncheon is set for December 16th at Les Trois Brasseurs. David Clendenning to send Email to all members. Edna Ralston to call members as a follow-up.

**8. Other Business**

Mariel Ouellette to help send out Christmas cards to members, and update membership list & dues paid.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

 The date of the next meeting will be Tuesday, 24th January 2017 at 5:30 pm at the MacDonald-Stewart Foundation, 1195 Sherbrooke Street West.

**10. Adjournment**

 There being no further business, E. Ralston proposed and Jim McDermott seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 6:15 p.m.