

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SARASOTA: MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2024

MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President Ron in the conference room of Fruitville Library, Sarasota.

Members present: Ron Lee, David Shaddock, Michael Wolfe, Diane Kemp, David Chivas,
Richard MacLeod, Sue Eltonhead, Linda Mercurio. Excused with reason, Carl Morris, Steve Parkinson, Bert Mitchell, Linda Prowten.

Burns Supper: Sue gave a report on the details that have been done so far in planning the event. After discussion, a motion was made by Diane that we charge \$60 for SASS members, and \$65 for non-members. The motion was seconded by Richard and motion carried. A review of what still needs to be done was discussed by David S. and Sue. Michael is working on the graphics for the invitations/ reservations and return envelopes.

It was felt by the board that the invitations should go out as soon as possible. There will be a silent auction and donated items are needed.

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2024 Board Meeting: A correction was asked to be made regarding our account with Wells Fargo Bank. The correction should read that by the suggestion of Wells Fargo Bank, several key executives of SASS should be signers on the account. The key executive signers are Ron Lee, David Shaddock and Diane Kemp. Linda made a motion that the minutes be approved, with the correction. David S. seconded the motion and motion carried.

Financial Reports: Diane provided copies of financials covering November 1 to November 30, 2024. David S. moved that the financials be accepted as presented.

Membership Lists/Renewals: Ron noted that membership renewals have been coming in and that he will contact those that we haven't heard from with a reminder notice.

Christmas Lunch: Ron expressed the general feeling that the event was a good success. He congratulated everyone that worked to make it happen, especially Shona, Bobbie, Diane, Mary Ellen, and Sue. Michael was thanked for taking photographs of the attendees.

Highland Games: SASS will be participating again on February 1, 2025. Carl and Ron will work together to organize our needs and to recruit volunteers to help during the festival. Ron asked approval to allow him an amount for spending of the food, tent, et al that will be needed. David S. motioned that SASS grant Ron up to \$600 for contracting our space, food, advertisement, and other items needed for the Highland Games. David C. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kirkn o' Tartans: As of this date, there is no date or venue planned for 2025. This will be discussed at a later date after some investigating of possible churches for holding the event.

2025 Scholarships: Co-chairs Sue and David S. are looking into a date for holding the scholarship winner's presentation event. Area schools have been notified of our offer of scholarships along with the information for applying for such.

Website- no report.

Other Business: Diane presented a copy of a newsletter that featured small bios of new members, along with a photograph of the person. This was thought by the board as something that would be very nice to include in our Saltire Newsletter.

Our next board meeting will be 10 a.m. January 9, 2025 at Fruitville Library. Please note that the Annual General Meeting will be held March 20, 2025, same time/place.

Being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Chivas- Secretary