

ST. ANDREW SOCIETY OF SARASOTA: BOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 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, Carl Morris. Excused with reason:
Steve Parkinson, Bert Mitchell, Linda Prowten.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the December 19, 2024 meeting had been distributed electronically prior to this meeting. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Linda and seconded by Sue. Motion carried.

Financial Report: Diane presented copies of the Operations Account, and the Scholarship Account covering December 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. It was noted that any profit from the Holiday Lunch will be placed in the Operations Account. Also, we need to raise more funds for the Scholarship Account. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Carl and seconded by Linda.

Membership Lists/Renewals: Ron noted that membership renewals are still coming in but that we need to increase our membership numbers. Ron will send a reminder to those that haven't responded with their renewals. The newly designed tri-fold SASS brochure will be distributed around town and also available for picking up at our events- thanks to Michael and David S. for designing and printing of this. It was suggested that we try to speak to local groups such as Rotary, Lion, and libraries promoting SASS.

Burns Supper: Sue has assigned people to do the various tasks involved in setting up for the dinner. Michael has been keeping track of attendees, choice of meals, payment. Carl will serve once again as Master of Ceremonies. Sue is asking for more items to be included in the Silent Auction.

Highland Games: Ron has taken care of reservations for our participation in the Games on February 1st and is working with Carl as to the food and beverages that will be available at our tent site. We have purchased a SASS ad for the program book.

Kirkin o' Tartans: Ron and Diane will be investigating venues for the event. Church of Palms in Sarasota will be considered for a possible Sunday in April. Diane noted that

April 6th will be Tartan Day this year. Plans so far keep Kirkin and Scholarship Awards Lunch as separate events.

2025 Scholarships: Information regarding the program and application form have been sent to our various schools. David S. and Sue are now waiting for responses that normally don't start coming in until March. Returning to Palm Aire for the award celebration is being considered.

Website/Other Business: David Mitchell will be contacted for updating the website, especially regarding Burns Supper and Scholarship Program.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2025, 10:15 a.m. in Fruitville Library.

Being no other business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Sue and seconded by Linda. Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Chivas- Secretary