

**Kenya Irish Society**  
**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting**  
**May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Participants:** Sr Mary O'Malley, Sr Patricia Lannigan, Mark Lawler, Sr Patricia Moran, Sr Kathy Kettle, Sr Theresa Burke, Sr Mary Killeen, Joe Vaughan, Paola Vaughan, Hilary Atkins, Rina Harahan, Pat Healy, Mairead Healy, Orla Cawley, Sr Caitriona Kelly, Sr Nuala Branigan, Sr Mary Owens, Sr Aine O'Brien, Margaret Roche, Johnny Roche, Lisa Doherty, Johnny Lynch, Tom Hopkins, Noelle O'Brien, Fr PJ McConville

**Apologies:** Lau Larsen, Sue Larsen, Lesley Mullan, Ken Killian, Patricia Killian, Mike Craig, Ferina Keshavjee, Chris Adams, Brona Ni Mhuiri, Vincent O'Neill, Jo Troulan, Dom Troulan, Laura Bennison, Cameron Rush, Eoin Mullally, Sharon Gordon, Alton Rego, Stephen Donaghy, Neil Doherty, Maria Kidney, Martin Ballantyne, Colm Halley, Jess Halley, Paul Rees, Clare Jethwa, John Dawson, Martina Dawson, Joe O'Brien, Gay O'Brien, George Sutton, Heather Sutton

**The formal AGM meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m.**

**1. Approval of minutes of the last EGM (27<sup>th</sup> May 2017)**

Approval of minutes proposed by Pat Healy and seconded by Joe Vaughan.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

No matter arising.

**3. Chair's report**

The Chair's report was read and accepted, proposed by Mairead Healy and seconded by Fr PJ McConville

**4. Financial report and approval of accounts**

The Chair noted that he had also performed treasurer functions for the majority of the year, which is unorthodox and should not happen again, but in this case was unavoidable. Therefore, the accounts are being prepared by an independent, Neil Doherty. The accounts are currently being prepared and will be audited in the next month. The chair's report was read and accepted, proposed by Mark Lawler, seconded by Paola Vaughan.

**5. Authorized bank signatories**

Current signatories are Jack O'Regan, Jo Troulan, Orla Cawley, Rina Hanrahan, Neil Doherty, Paola Vaughan.

## 6. Appointment of auditors in accordance with Rule 12

Auditor to be proposed by the Chair and Treasurer.

## 7. Grants 2017/18

Organisation	Speaker	Amount
Gatoto Integrated Development Programme (GIDP)		Ksh198,360
Medical Missionaries of Mary		100,000
Development Pamoja		180,000
Daughter of Charity – Dream Trust Kenya		200,000
MCEDO Mathare Community Education		179,000
St. Teresa's Girls School, Kimangao		187,300

## 8. Such other matters as the committee may decide or as to which notice shall have been given in writing by a full member or full members to the Secretary at least 14 days before the date of the meeting.

The society wished to thank Noelle O'Brien for many years as a committee member and as Chair, and for the service involved, and presented Noelle with a gift. Noelle spoke of her pleasure in being on the committee and serving as chair, and also noted Toms contribution.

The committee presented to the society a report on the fundraising that some members of the committee undertook to raise funds for the legal funds required to secure the release of an Irish citizen, Cathal Byrne, noting that the society's bank account was used to transfer the penalties required, but that the committee worked closely with the embassy at all times. Orla Cawley and Joe Vaughan noted that the committee had done a great job in assisting an Irish citizen in distress and should be pleased with their contribution. Fr PJ McConville mentioned he was in occasional contact with Mr Byrne, who was still very grateful to the society for their contribution.

## 9. Election of office bearers and committee members

The Chair thanked the committee members for their contribution throughout the year.

The following committee was elected for 2017/18, proposed by Joe Vaughan and seconded by Pat Healy.

- Chair – Jack O’Regan
- Treasurer – Neil Doherty
- Secretary – Open
- Golf – Rina Hanrahan
- Grants – Mark Lawler
- Sharon Gordon - quiz
- Irish Ball/Fundraising – Jo Troulan
- Christmas Lunch – Paola Vaughan
- La Le Brid/ culture – Open
- Membership – Chair
- Website and events reports – Laura Bennison
- Social Media – Eoin Mullaly

#### **10. AOB**

Those present noted Sr Nuala Branigan was leaving Kenya to move to Malawi in the coming days and wished her well after many years in Kenya.

Brona Ni Mhuiri wished to thank the society for the gift of a weekend in Ol Donya from David Stogdale.

AGM closed at 5.00pm