**LAOH NYS Officers Meeting**

Saturday May 4, 2019

Gavin’s Country Inn

Cornwallville, New York

**Officers Meeting**

**Call to Order/Welcome**                                           Jacqueline Clute

                                                                                     Exit Doors

                                                                                     Defibrillator – Maureen Leahy Rice

                                                                                     Parliamentarian –Margaret Hennessy

                                                                                    Time Keeper –Margaret Hennessy

The Meeting opened at 9:30 am with the Ritual led by President Clute. A decision to hold an informal meeting was agreed upon by all present.

**Opening Prayers**                                                 Jackie Clute for Margaret Anderton D. Min,

Act of Consecration                                                VP -Mary Beth Durkee

Prayer for the Unborn                                            All

Prayer to St. Michael                                              JoAnn Gundersen

Pledge of Allegiance                                               President- Jackie Clute, and all assembled.

**Roll Call**l                                                                     Secretary -Aggie O’Leary (see attached)

Reading of the Minutes                                           Aggie O’Leary

(Fall Meeting-Schenectady)                                  Motion to Dispense with reading of the minutes of the fall (Previously send out) **Rose Coulson** /Second **Carol McTigue**, Motion passed

**Presentation of Bills**                                                 Treasurer -Regina Begley, estimated cost of this meeting .

Motion to pay the bills Jerri Hess/Second Carol McTigue, motion passed.

A motion was made by Karen Keane to take a journal ad for National President Carol Sheyers’ Testimonial Dinner, second by Margaret Hennessy, motion passed.

**Reading of Correspondence**                            Aggie O’Leary

Letters endorsing Mary Beth Durkee for State President

Aggie O’Leary for State Vice President

Regina Begley for State Secretary or higher office

JoAnn Gundersen for State Historian or higher office

Theresa Meyer for Treasure or higher office

Cathie Doherty Doherty for Missions and Charities or higher officer

A **Letter endorsing Teresa Kearns** was read at the fall board meeting for the Office of Catholic Action

Secretary Agnes O’Leary requested a motion to dispense with the reading of these letters as they were posted to the website

Motion **Anne Marie Ferguson/Second Carol McTigue,** motion passed.

**National President Carol Sheyer-**invited all to the LAOH Inc. 125th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Dearborn Michigan, October 10-12, 2019. The Interim National Board Meeting will be held October 12, 2019, along with other celebratory activities.

President Clute spoke about a letter received from Queens County President Virginia Minardi and Queens Division 25 President Bridget Rush, regarding what percentage Irish a member has to be to belong to the LAOH. President advised that there is no maximum percentage requirement.

A letter was received from National Historian Sandy Swift asking each State to have someone write their history so that they are represented in the 125th LAOH Commemoration Book that is being assembled. She further advised that Maureen Shelton PNP, is coordinating all the events for the celebration. State Historian Terry Meyer is working on the State History.

National Vice President Karen Keane advised that she has been appointed by National President Carol Sheyer to oversee the planning of the celebration.

A letter regarding the disbanding of Greene County Division was discussed at length. Karen Keane offered options for reorganizing as opposed to disbanding. President Clute will address options.

A motion to dispense with the reading of the Officers reports was made by all present.

**Officers Introduction/Reports**

 Chaplain                                                                                        Margaret Anderton D. Min

President                                                                                     Jacqueline Clute

Vice President Mary Beth Durkee

Secretary                                                                                       Aggie O’Leary

Treasurer                                                                                       Regina Begley, A motion was made by Mary Hogan and second by Carol McTigue to allocate $500 for expenses for today’s 125th Anniversary Celebration. Motion passed. There was discussion on where money for the Pat Doyle grant was coming from. There was much discussion of funds raised for the grants. A motion was made by Jerri Hess/second Margaret Hennessy, to transfer money approximately $2800, raised by the previous Administration, to the grant. The motion passed with one vote opposed. A motion was made by Denise Sobus /second by Anne Marie Ferguson to allocate today’s 50/50 raffle to the Pat Doyle Memorial Grant. Motion passed.

President Clute assigned the Past State Presidents to a committee to raise funds for the Pat Doyle Memorial Grant. The PNP were invited to participate in the committee. The committee is to be chaired by a past state president.

Historian                                                                                        Terry Meyer will prepare the scrapbook for the next National Convention. Terry spoke about the 125th Anniversary Celebration to be held in Albany at the Irish Heritage Museum, and today’s celebration. Posters, banners, koozies were purchased for this event. She advised that there are still 29 Irish history reports that have not been turned in, (see her report).

Missions & Charities                                                                  JoAnn Gundersen spoke about the Columban Fathers and Sisters, and the Pat Doyle Memorial Grant.

A motion was made by Theresa Kearns, second Kathy Conway, to invite the Columban Sisters to the convention. Motion passed.

Catholic Action                                                                            Cathy Norton Doherty

Immediate Past President /   convention Chair- Karen Keane distributed a tentative schedule for the State Convention, which will be posted on the website. She explained some of the cost and the reasons for them.

Karen explained unless an attendee pays the $20 registration fee they will not be allowed into the hospitality rooms. Activities at the convention will include a State Basket Raffle, run by Rose Coulson, boat ride and visit to the Albany Hall.

Karen Keane made a motion/second by Mary Hogan to invite National President Sheyer to our convention and pay for the package. Motion passed.

Public Relations                                                                           Jeri Hess

FFAI                                                                                               Dolores Desch, Money collected from today’s fundraiser, 125th Anniversary Celebration, will go to FFAI to support a boxing club in Ireland.

Immigration & Education                                             Teresa Kearns spoke about the high rate of suicide among the Irish and a variety of other groups. She gave a bag of glitter to each attendee, and spoke about actress Carrie Fisher and her personnel struggles. She used the glitter to explain, you never know what people are struggling with, so try to spread a little glitter, or concern towards others.

Webmaster/Information and Technology                             Colleen O’Reilly- State Sites/reports

Fundraiser                                                                                    Rose Coulson, reported about the money raised at last night’s Bingo and that there would be a fifty/fifty today,(see her report for details of other fundraising activities).

Auditor                                                                                          Christina Parisi-conducted an audit of the financial records, and found all expenses were reasonable within expenses of the Order. Motion to accept report,

second by Margaret Hennessy . Motion passed.

Past Presidents                                            Carol McTigue

Denise Sobus

Meg Redling

Kathy Conway

Anne Marie Ferguson

National Officers

Catholic Action Officer Cathy Turck commended the State for their hard work in supporting Project Saint Patrick and Soar.

Past National President Margaret Hennessy

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**Committee Reports**

 Mary Hogan- County structure issue/

New York Bylaws issue..

A committee was appointed at the fall meeting to explore these issues. Mary T. Leathem was appointed Chair, with Debbie Burke, Pat Mahoney, Mary Beth Durkee, Mary Hogan, Margaret Del Bagno, Margaret Hennessy, Christine O’Reilly, and Jerri Hess as committee members. Mary distributed copies of the committee’s proposals, there was much discussion. The proposals will be reviewed by the by-laws committee at the convention.

**New Business**

**Recommendations**

Secretary O’Leary spoke about her concerns regarding the importance of communication among officers,

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**Good & Welfare**

Kathy Conway reported there will be two Degrees, one in Suffolk County on May 8th and one in Tarrytown June 1st.

Karen Keane noted the excellent job done by Immigration and Education Appointee Teresa Kearns.

She thanked Christina Parisi for all the work she does, especially with our tax returns.

Karen made a motion/second Dolores Desch, to send flowers the Past National President Mary T. Lethem’s family and mass cards for Martin Galvin’s father and the Lethem Family. Motion pass.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Jerri Hess second by all. Motion passed.

Following the Ritual, the meeting was closed at 12 noon by President Clute.