



History Report – March 2021 to April 2022

The Annual meeting of the All-Ireland Cultural Society was held via Zoom on April 17, 2021 because of the restrictions of the pandemic virus. After the members voted to approve the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee, the new board members were excited about working together in the coming year.

President	Margaret Doherty
Vice President	Christina White
Recording Secretary	Dorothy Foley
Corresponding Secretary	Mary Rose Kerg
Treasurer	Julie O’Connell
Trustee (3 year)	Brendan Kerg
Trustee (2 year)	Molly McGuire
Trustee (1 year)	Sam Keator
Director (3 year)	Beth Setters
Director (2 year)	Patsy Lee
Director (1 year)	Lois Delihanty
Seanacháí Editor	Dorothy Foley

There are 77 paid members as of April, 2022. Membership dues were \$35 for individuals and \$55 for families.

Standing Committees.

Sunshine – Patsy Lee

Communications– Mary Rose Kerg, Corresponding Secretary

History – Dorothy Foley, Recording Secretary

Program – Jim O’Connell

Scholarship –Lois Delihanty and Jim O’Connell.

Genealogy – Don Anderson.

AICS Cultural and Social Activities of the Past Year

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic in the last year, the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration was virtual. The Appreciation Dinner was cancelled. The annual picnic in August and the Christmas luncheon in December were held. All of the meetings were on Zoom, except the April 2022 Annual meeting that was in-person with a Zoom option as well so that members who could not attend in person could join the in-person meeting via Zoom.

Placing the Wreath

On Memorial Day, May 31, 2021, at 10 a.m., a wreath was placed at the Oregon Famine Memorial in Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Tim Birr played the bagpipes. Jim O'Connell recited readings and about twelve members and friends attended.

The Picnic:

The Annual picnic was held on Sunday, August 16, 2021, at St. Birgitta's Church Grove in Linton. Hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixings were served compliments of the All-Ireland Cultural Society. Dancers from the Oregon Irish Dance Academy entertained us and we had live music from the Trail Jams session group, too. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a very good time.

Portland Celtic Faire was held at Shute Park in Hillsboro on August 21st. The AICS had initially secured a booth at the faire, but closer to the date we decided not to attend to be cautious about pandemic conditions.

September 2021:

Jim O'Connell conducted an Irish trivia game that was a lot of fun.

October 2021:

After the business meeting on Zoom, Tim Birr and Louise Martell tried to resolve the issue of whether Mrs. O'Leary's cow was responsible for the Chicago fire! As usual, they gave a delightful presentation.

November 2021:

After a short Zoom meeting, we took time to get to know each other better. We shared about our family history and Irish connections. Very fun!

December 2021:

The Annual Christmas luncheon was held in the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas on December 4th. The event was chaired by Mary Sacksteder and Rose Ann Ranft. After the meal, we had a fun game and everyone received gifts. The meal was delicious and we all got into the Christmas spirit ending with singing Christmas carols.

January 2022

After the January business meeting on Zoom, Tim Birr gave a basic overview of recent developments that pertain to Brexit and what it means for the future of both Northern Ireland and the Republic. As usual, Tim's presentation was informative and well put.

March 17,2022

Because of the pandemic, it was decided to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our second virtual concert. The 90-minute program of authentic Irish dancing, music and song by local artists was a big success. The concert went live at midnight St. Patrick's Day on our website and was totally free to all viewers. We had two Gold level sponsors (\$500) and three Bronze level sponsors (\$100). Cost of producing the St. Patrick's Day Virtual show was in the \$2,800 range.

Pub Social

An enjoyable pub social was held on March 27, 2022 at T.C. O'Leary's Pub in NE Portland from 2 to 4 p.m.

By-Laws Amendment:

The April Annual meeting 2021 focused on amending the Society's by-laws. Generally, this was to increase the amount of checks (from \$300) in excess of \$500 to be signed by the treasurer and a trustee and be approved by the membership. The amendment was approved unanimously.

Donations Received:

- Long time member, Mary Meyer, was an avid ceili dancer and supporter of things Irish. After her passing, her family chose to honor her by presenting the AICS with a check for \$5,000 to go to the Scholarship Fund.
- Mr. Paul Lyons donated a collection of Irish books to the AICS library.
- Two baskets of Irish products and beverages known as the Brady Basket and the Comhaltas basket were donated that will be used for the next raffle.

Donations Given:

- The AICS donated \$500 to the Samhain Festival produced by Ceili of the Valley.

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