

Meeting of the Greene/Coxsackie Chapter of the Emerald Society
October 24, 2006
Granny's Albany, NY

Attendee's

J. Boyle, D. Dugan, D. Gallup, A. Garafola, J. Kenny, J. Lambertsen, E. Lavigne, D. Moffett, P. Morris, M. Murdza, S. Murdza, C. Parry, T. Ronan, W. Saleh, K. Sheridan, F. Strauss

Meeting brought to order by K. Sheridan, president of State wide chapter of the Emerald Society, at 7:15 pm

Started off the meeting by doing a 50/50. \$5 per ticket for the members only at the meeting. Total collected was 130. D. Dugan won. (\$65 for winner, \$65 for chapter) D. Dugan donated \$20 back to the chapter. Total made \$85.00

First business was treasures report given by P. Morris (as K. Mannion treasurer could not attend at this time) Approx \$ 640 in account.

Next order of business Elections of new Chapter Officers.

Nominations:

**President: Steve Murdza by M. Murdza. Second by C. Parry.
No other Nominations.**

Vote:

Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Steve Murdza Voted in as President

Nominations Continued:

Treasurer:

**Ken Mannion by K. Sheridan, second by J. Lambertsen
No other nominations.**

Vote:

Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Secretary:

**Maria Murdza by F. Strauss second by W. Saleh
No other nominations**

Vote:

Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

At this point K. Sheridan turned meeting over to new chapter President Steve Murdza.

S. Murdza started off by saying that he two main goals for the chapter one is raising money for the chapter and the other is to increase membership.

For fund raisers Steve is organizing a fund raising Texas Hold-um Poker game for the Cocksackie/Greene Chapter. The date that has been chosen is January 19, 2006 at the Cocksackie/Greene QWL. The buy-in and pay-out details have not been finalized at this time. Once they are, posters and invitations to all the other chapters will be put up and mailed out. This should be done in approximately 2 weeks.

Also other fund raisers were mentioned. 50/50's and possible prize raffles were mentioned. For instance, S. Murdza wants to contact places like Wal-Mart's, Targets or K-Marts to see if they could donate items such as Mountain bikes to use as raffles. A. Garafola suggested that basket of cheers were always popular and that as it is nearing the holidays that this may be a good time to do one.

Calendar raffles were bought up as one of the best fund raisers. Two types were suggested, one prize calendar raffle and the other like a lottery calendar raffle by using the daily numbers. It was pointed out that the prize raffle was the better idea, as if enough tickets were not sold, the lottery raffle could end up costing the chapter. P. Morris suggested that each member try to get at least two prizes to donate to the calendar. K. Sheridan suggested as a rule of thumb, that each prize be approx. \$50. Also, as in the past, the chapter asked about picking a charity that this chapter would like to donate too. S. Murdza suggested the Make a Smile charity. Web site:

<http://www.operationsmile.org> (see attached) This organization fixes cleft palettes of children whose families don't have insurance or can not afford this procedure. Although this is a

world wide organization, there is a section that deals with just children in the US. A motion was made by S. Murdza that 25% of the profit from the Texas Hold-em poker game be given to this charity. It was second by K. Sheridan.

Vote:

Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Kevin Sheridan than made a motion that an additional 10% of the profits be given to the Adapt a Soldier charity. This was second by M. Murdza

Vote:

Favor: 16 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 0

Due to the time restraints as the holidays are coming up and that this is the time when each facility tries to raise money for such things as the children's Christmas party, and Diversity Management does Holiday baskets for around Thanksgiving, that it was decided that our next fund raising event would be the Poker tournament in January. It was then agreed that if we needed money in between then and now that we would do some 50/50 raffles.

The next thing that was discussed was the declining membership. K. Sheridan stated that the Greene/Coxsackie chapter was once the # 1 chapter as far as members and activity. This chapter is now #3. Mid-State chapter is #1, Great Meadow is #2 and Greene/Coxsackie is #3. Kevin Made the suggestion that everyone should talk up the chapter and get people to join. And if they know of some one who was a member in the past, try and get them to renew their membership.

One of the suggestions was to try and talk to new employees at orientation and give a little talk about the Emerald Society. Also it was suggested that some one go to the Academy and talk to the new recruits. However, although this would be a great idea, it is not possible at this time. The department feels that, although we are not political and that we are just fraternal, if they let the Emerald Society talk to the recruits, they would have to let all the political organizations talk to them. In the future,

this may be an option.

K. Sheridan and S. Murdza both had opportunities to talk to the Acting Commissioner L. LaClair. Mr. LaClair gave both of them the impression that he behind the Emerald Society and the Band. He talked about the new uniforms and how he is looking forward to seeing us in them. It appears that he will be hind the band's continued participation in the memorials that the band has done in the past for the state. And he said that he will continue to support us.

S. Murdza said that if there was no new business, then the meeting should be adjourned. K. Sheridan made a motion for the meeting to be adjourned, C. Parry second. All voted in favor.

Total spent: \$259.85