



Indianapolis Irish Cultural Council

Inaugural Meeting

April 25, 2019



Meeting Agenda

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7:00 p.m. - Nine Irish Brother Indianapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. The current status of the Irish community in Indianapolis
 - a. Challenges
 - b. Working together
- III. Indianapolis Irish Cultural Council
 - a. About us
 - b. Our goals
 - c. Why join forces
- IV. Indianapolis Irish Cultural Council Logistics
 - a. Organizational structure
 - b. Membership
- V. Moving forward
 - a. Building the Indianapolis Irish Council
 - b. Benefits
 - c. 35th Indiana Regiment
- VI. Questions
- VII. Recap



“Community, Growth, and Heritage”

The Indianapolis Irish Cultural Council (IICC) is a group of organizations partnered together with the common goal of expanding Irish culture while providing cultural enrichment opportunities for future generations in Indianapolis. IICC’s purpose is to act as the organizational element within the Irish community in Indianapolis, through memberships.

The core values of the IICC are community, growth, and heritage. By unifying and working toward a common goal, we can better provide more opportunities for current and future Irish Americans Indianapolis. Each organization here today not only plays an essential role in a common goal but also can benefit individually from collaboration.

We are of proud heritage and one that we lest forget about nor let future generations forget. We are here because we are passionate about Irish culture and want to seek more opportunities to expand our community. We are here to strengthen the bond between each other and establish a close Irish family in Indianapolis.

Today, we discuss a partnership not only with the IICC but with each other. Under the IICC, your organizations will be able to improve involvement with other partner organizations. Let’s increase the bond and friendship in our beloved community and provide a better opportunity for our youth and those to come.

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Dear [Enter name],

Thank you for serving as a representative of your respective organization and taking the time to meet with me today to discuss a possible partnership with the Indianapolis Irish Cultural Council. I am excited to discuss how your organization can benefit and grow by working together and how we can all grow the Irish community in Indianapolis.

A common thread I've noticed in large Irish communities is having different organizations specializing and focusing on a specific aspect of Irish culture, which makes come together and thrive. With the IICC, I want to bring us all together at the table, to find ways for all of us to work together to raise the profile of our Indianapolis Irish community.

I believe that together, we can build a solid foundation that can get the attention of some of the more prominent Irish communities like in Boston, Chicago, and New York. I am optimistic about these possibilities because I believe that if we all work together, we can see the true strength of the Indianapolis Irish community.

Seeing how each organization can benefit and grow by working together is what I am most excited about regarding the future possibilities of the IICC. I have a newborn daughter who has already been recruited by the Irish Dancers, will be seen at the Hibernian St Patrick's Events, will learn how to play Irish Music, and might even pick up a camogie stick as well in the future. It's corny, sure, but I want to see an Irish community that future generations can thrive in and learn about their heritage and easily find a way to express their passion for their lineage through music, dance, sports, language, or even knowledge.

I thank you for coming today as an initial goal of this startup was to have someone from every organization, in the same room together and talking. From here on out, we want to develop and build upon relationships, and partnerships with each other to bring our community closer together.

I want to hear that a family has multiple outlets for themselves and their children for all of their wants and needs such as dancing or competing in Irish sports. I want to see the organizations genuinely support each other. Long term, but I've heard someone from every group talk about the dream of opening an Irish cultural center in Indianapolis. The problem is that everyone tries to focus in on their group and make that their priority, which is understandable but coming together for the community needs to develop into a top priority as well. If we make this a joint endeavor by all groups, then this dream can become a reality in the coming years.

Sincerely,
Chris Cunningham