McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance Family Organization

Meeting Minutes for **December 14, 2023**

Present: April Ciriacks, Bonni Fredrick, Angie Heding, Greg Poulton, Dan Richards, Lori Strangberg, Natalie Walesa

* Call to order (April Ciriacks-President) @ 7pm
* Move to approve November 16h minutes
* Motion-Bonnie Fredrick
* Second-Angie Heding
* Financial Update (Lori Strangberg-Treasurer)
	+ Currently have unrestricted $1,800
	+ Brought in $1932—spent $1645 Net ~$270
* Membership Update (Cindi Graves-Membership)
	+ Cindi unavailable, April shared update
	+ Still shooting for end of year reconciliation
		- Meeting with April at end of the month to work through discrepancies with website/paypal membership
* MM Feis Update (Bonni Fredrick)
	+ No update….meeting with teachers in Jan. Refer to Nov minutes for past update
* **Old Business**
	+ Christmas Party Recap (Dan Richards and Megan Fisher)
		- Turnout-178 RSVP’d
		- Overall feedback
			* Do a better job of getting into younger classes
			* Utilize class parents to get information out and coordinate with parents
		- Venue for next year—need a new venue due to size. Need capacity of at least 250, consider parking
			* Muskego Lakes
			* Irish Cultural Heritage Center
				+ Parking bank across the street on Sundays
			* Kelly’s Bleachers? Still have contacts there?
			* Parish Halls
				+ Bar may be an issue
			* Mount Mary
		- Crafts (Cindi)
			* Do more bracelets
			* Keep straw craft
			* Need more space
	+ Mock Feis
		- February 4th, 2024
		- Venue “Amped” booked from 11:30-4pm
		- Signed contract with $100 deposit from MMFO which will be credited back on final paperwork.
		- Run like an actual feis.
			* Check in with feis monitor before sitting side stage
			* Total number of kids (34)
			* Natalie and Bonni will do feis 101 talk
			* Bonni will do stage monitoring
			* Have Worlds team there and available to promote the team and give some background into it –board of photos from when they were minis?
	+ List of Class Parents
		- April emailed to executive board
		- Utilize when necessary to get volunteers and pass along info
* Directory
	+ Teachers have chosen a method and created an account
	+ Plan to have available in mid-January
	+ Will update if timing changes
* **New Business**
	+ St. Patrick’s Day
		- Teachers shared plan and April communicated to Dan for initial review/cost. Will share with executive board via email and then discuss final plan and budget at next meeting.
	+ Change MMFO website members only pw for January 1st, 2024.
		- April is going to change the password for the members only area of website. Will update when complete and share new password with all of MMFO
	+ Natalie spoke on fundraising for the world’s team and soloists
		- Restaurant Nights
		- Fundraising Party/Build Excitement
			* Sell Tickets
			* Team supplies experiences to bid on
			* February or April
			* Music/Dancing/Generally adults only/Worlds Dancers Perform
			* Lori for nonprofit number and running any credit
* Would need to be divided evenly among all competitors
* Already have an approval from teachers
* Adjournment
* Motion-Angie Heding
* Second-Lori Strangberg
* Meeting adjourned @7:33pm

**Next meeting: TBD**

Respectfully submitted by April Ciriacks