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