McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance Family Organization

Minutes for **October 12th, 2023**

Present: Jessica Allen; April Ciriacks; Megan Fisher; Cindi Graves; Jessie Nicholson; Rebecca Rasmussen; Lori Strangberg; Emma Todt; Natalie Walesa; Phil Walesa

**Call to Order:** April Ciriacks at 7:04pm.

**Approve minutes from 9/7/23 meeting** –

* Motion to approve- Lori Strangberg
* Second-Cindi Graves
* Motion passed unanimously

**Membership update from Cindi** –

* We have 10 new members since last meeting. Discussed a directory last month, reached out to teachers and they are going to do a directory for the school so MMFO will not do one. About 94 family members currently.

**Finance update from Lori**

* Feis cash $16,290.92, unrestricted cash $3,984.04. Net profit from 2023 feis was $3,021.49.

**Old business**

* By-laws change to allow for electronic voting at the discretion of the board proposal read aloud by April; April restated explanation for reasoning and main points for electronic voting for board positions if needed in the future.
* Motion to approve- Natalie Walesa
* Second- Cindi Graves
* Motion passed
* Oireachtas fees – vote on whether we pay fees for participants. $5,200 covers the entire Oireachtas fee amount; $2,700 covers family fees for participants ($75 per family).
* Discussion about how to best utilize our funds to support all dance families and if we pay for these fees, how do we support other families (holiday party, mock feis, Irish fest, etc.)
  + - Motion made by Jessie to pay the $2,700 family registration portion of fees
    - Second-Becky
    - Motion passed unanimously.

**New business**

* Mock feis is in February, teachers asked us to host it again. Need to select a location – Pius High, Kelly’s Bleachers, new MM studio… April will meet with teachers. To be discussed more at next meeting.
* Jessica Allen suggested to make the parent room more family friendly with a toy and book drive. April will run by the teachers and send a communication to families.
* **Next meeting November 16.**

Motion to adjourn by Jessie

Second- Natalie

Unanimous

Meeting Adjourned at 7:33pm

Submitted by Lori Strangberg and April Ciriacks