

McNamara McCarthy Family Organization

Minutes for September 12, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Held at O’Sullivan’s

Members Present: *Jessie Nicholson, Dan Richards, Lori Strangberg, Angie Heding, Doug Heding, Megan Fisher, Brent Manor, April Ciriacks*

- **Call to Order** by Jessie Nicholson @ 7:13pm
- **Approve Minutes** from August 1st meeting (Jessie Nicholson)
 - Motion-Dan Richards
 - Second-Angie Heding
- **Financial Update** (Lori Strangberg -Treasurer)
 - Cash balance at end of August \$33,342.91
 - Unrestricted – \$5,633.53
 - Feis balance – \$27,709.38 we netted ~\$11.2K up over all past years
 - P&L statements available upon request
- **President’s Update**
 - Minis / Beginners welcome – M&Ms with MMFO QR Code. Would like to do more for everyone first week of class next year. Timing is hard to get volunteers, but next year maybe try to plan ahead to staff volunteers.
 - New Family Welcome – casual, hosted by teachers, not MMFO. MMFO is welcome to attend to be an ambassador but not required. Date and info to come.
 - “Garage Sale” fundraiser – end of October parent observations. Items will be donated with proceeds benefitting MMFO. Jessie will ask teachers if we can also have people put up a solo dress sale rack.
 - Oireachtas fees – estimating \$3K for competition fees and \$2.5K family access fees. Intention of the MM Feis committee has been to raise money for these fees, and the Feis reserves do allow to cover up to 6K.
 - Cindi Graves makes a motion to cover \$6K of Oireachtas fees. Vote is unanimous to cover these fees utilizing Feis reserves.
 - Possible Elmbrook student project – business processes, budgets, reimbursements, calendars, social media, ongoing fundraising, continuity. Megan Fisher teaches the class and many of our Senior dancers have been students in the class. We have a current dancer in the course. Would we be open to allow MMFO to be a subject of the course, allow the students to work through our business processes. Budget, reimbursement sheet, calendar. Are we open to participating – a good community project. Everyone is supportive, Jessie would meet with the LAUNCH team weekly and would ask for participating.
 - Open board position. Possibility of adding former presidents to board as well?

- Jessie will post the open position on Facebook tomorrow to see if there is interest. Would also recommend that the past president is a board position. Discussion about the current bylaws that prohibit board participation after a members dancer graduates.
- Jessie will check with Bonnie on what bylaws would need to change.
- **Membership Update** (Cindi Graves-Membership)
 - Reconciliation in September after registration. Sounds like things are still moving from class to class. Reconciliation will happen after.
 - Cindi, Angie, & Jessie: Family Directory – will get this off the ground in the fall after reconciliation. Directory Spot is one option. The class parents do get a Jackrabbit download. We need an opt in, right now we reconcile quarterly. School would pay for it, MMFO could help.
- **Hart Park Update / Irish Fest**
 - Super successful! THANK YOU!
 - MMFO provided food and sound support. Thanks to Dan, Brent, and Doug!
 - Should we investigate another Irish Fest deck – the issue is that you have to book the deck before we know where we are dancing when.
 - Issue raised about the challenges of backstage at Hart Park. Suggestions include: pre-volunteer meeting with expectations, labeling little children, staggered dismissal, etc. Some volunteers back stage had to leave early, etc.

Standing Business

- **Holiday Party – recast of vision/what we want to accomplish. The goal is fellowship between the families.**
 - Megan mentions “Open House” type of event
 - Does it have to be Holiday – could it be around Valentines Day and announce St Paddys Show teams?
 - We could have the LAUNCH team help.
 - Create out own holiday between mock Feis and St Paddys – could it be the same day/same place
- **Mini Feis**
 - Teachers requesting we hold it on February 2, 2025. Clarify with teachers what is needed from us.
- **MM Feis Update** (Bonni Fredrick / Alison G) – nothing to discuss
- **The Colleen** (Dan Richards and Megan Fisher) need a postmortem meeting – Dan will reach out to Bridget for a meeting.
 - Date confirmed: July 24, 2025

New Business

- **Scheduled Upcoming Meeting Dates**
 - October 17, 7 pm
 - November 14, 7 pm
 - December 12, 7 pm
 - All meetings held in the MM Parent Room or O'Sullivan's, depending on Parent Room availability.

- **Adjourn**
 - Motion-Dan Richards 8:15pm
 - Second-Doug Heding
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting: Oct 17, 7pm