McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance Family Organization

Meeting Minutes 05-12-2022

Meeting called to order at 6:49pm

Meeting minutes were discussed and approved. Bonni Fredrick motioned to approve and Ericka Guzman seconded. Motion passed.

President – Our current membership at 39 families.

Treasurer- Lori Strangberg is not present and Janice Shoman will fill in for this meeting. Our bank balance as of today is $3121.39. Lori has applied for a non-profit friendly and deep discounted Quickbooks software purchase for MMFO, if her purchase is approved, this will allow us to have Quickbooks software. Quickbooks will be a necessary tool for accounting for both the feis and IRS reporting.

Committee reports:

Golf Outting.

Dan Richards reports the course will be the Silver Spring Golf Club on Thursday, July 14. The venue contracts have been signed and we are moving forward. The down payment of $250 was paid at the time of signing. As of now, the event’s opening ceremonies will be at 11:30am. Colleen Jaskulski will sing the National Anthem. Golfing will begin immediately following the opening ceremonies. The Silver Spring Golf Club is considered a shorter course, about 5000 yds. There will be hole prizes, hole sponsors and as of today we have approximately 46 golfers signed up. Following the golfing, golfers and dinner attendees will enjoy an open bar between 5:30-6:30pm and dinner. During dinner and cocktails, the silent auction will run from 5pm- to the start of the show. There will be a special combined MM & Glencastle performance. The event will end at the latest 9:30pm. These times are subject to change-but not by much.

As of today, we have over $7400 in ticket sales and a total of 46 golfers.

Currently, we have a VIP/viewing deck reserved for Irish Fest. Our goal is to raise enough funds for full food and drink service. Paid MMFO families will have access to the deck, at no charge. Non-MMFO families will have access for $20/person. This is a financial incentive to attract more families to join our organization.

Regarding silent auction items, we are looking outside our organization for donations. However if any families would like to get together and provide an auction item, we would be grateful. If anyone knows a business or corporation to contact for an item or experience, please contact Janice Shoman asap. If anyone knows someone who would like to be a hole sponsor for our event please contact Dan Richards.

Dan is looking into the possibility of t-shirts for the event.

Bridget Jaskulski informed us a Glencastle dad will be doing the hole signage for our event.

The upcoming vacancy of Secretary.

A nomination was made from the floor by Angie Heding to nominate Colleen Donegan, and was seconded by Bonni Fredrick. Janice will send out an email before the next meeting asking if anyone else is interested in the job. Membership will vote at the June meeting. The job entails taking good notes during the meetings and getting them to Janice in a timely manner for publication to the website.

Meeting attendance.

Janice will send an email to families asking if they would be more likely to attend a meeting if it was held on a Sunday evening. Another suggestion was to have a poolside meeting where parents can bring their kiddos to swim while parents attend the meeting.

Decals

A discussion was had to create MM car decals as a fundraiser. It was discussed to reach out to the teachers for design, since it would be a school sticker and not a family organization sticker.

McNamara McCarthy Feis

Bonni Fredrick announced our school will be hosting it’s first Annual McNamara McCarthy Feis. The MM feis will replace the Celtic Spirit feis, on the Sunday following the Badger State Feis. MMFO will sponsor the feis. Lori Strangberg will be the feis treasurer. The feis committee is looking to fill 2 openings, volunteer coordinator and social media coordinator. Ericka Guzman volunteered to be the social media coordinator.

Bonni Fredrick suggested feis profits go to sponsor national dancers. Then as monies allow, eventually sponsoring all dancers who attend majors. She stated we need to set aside 5K for seed money and additional expenses- then all monies left over are split 50/50 with MMFO and the feis account. A motion was made to accept sponsorship of the feis and financials. Angie Heding motioned and Ericka Guzman seconded. The motion passed.

By Laws Changes.

At the June meeting we will be make a motion to amend our by laws to add a fourth board position, Fundraising Chair.

A motion was made to adjourn by Jacque Miertz and seconded by Bonni Fredrick.

Motion passed, meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.