**McNamara McCarthy School of Irish Dance Family Organization**

**Meeting Minutes 04-13-2023**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Meeting minutes from 2-23-23 were discussed. A change for the minutes was presented by Janice Shoman, who noted the last names of the persons who motioned and seconded to approve the minutes from 1-12-23 were omitted. The suggested amendments are as follows:

Meeting minutes from 1-12-23 were discussed and approved. ~~jesse~~ Jessie Nicholson motioned to approve and ~~angie~~ Angie Heding seconded. The motion passed.

Lori Strangberg made a motion to accept the amended minutes, and Dan Richards seconded. The motion passed.

**President:**

Currently there are 81 family memberships. We are continuing to invoice families through Paypal and this seems to be working well.

**Treasurer:**

Lori Strangberg reports as of 3/31/2023 MMFO has $2,547.31 in available funds, and $13,069.43 in feis funds for a checking account balance of $15,616.74. Lori reports an error regarding registering our feis with the powers that be, and the registration was accidentally submitted twice. She will reach out and see if either the monies can be applied to the 2024 registration and if not, then request a refund.

**Committee Reports:**

St Patrick’s Day Parade After Action Report

The families were amazing and came together at the beginning of the parade. Lots of help and volunteers. We sold 61 shamrocks, and made a small profit of about $200. Plans for the 2024 parade are being discussed and will be bigger and better. The current thought is to have a microphoned floor with either a city or school backdrop. We can reuse much of supplies but will need to purchase joists and some plywood along. One suggestion was to purchase banners for the firetruck to help market the school. It was agreed we will not use the sponsored by MMFO sign for next year’s parade.

 Open House Committee After Action Report

Angie Heding was not present, but she contacted Janice Shoman who reported on her behalf. The Open House was successful. There were approximately 6 new families who toured.

Feis Committee

Megan Gonzales stated the planning for the 2023 MM Christmas in July Feis is coming along well. The syllabus has been submitted for approval, and Sharon Murphy has agreed to sharing costs again. The Feis Committee has purchased radios and is currently looking to purchase flooring/stages. If the Committee purchases new flooring/stages, volunteers will be needed to assemble the new stages and at this time there doesn’t appear to be enough volunteers. If things don’t come together for new stages this year, we will use the Milwaukee Feis Association flooring again. Also, the Committee is looking for more volunteers to help break down stages immediately after the feis.

Dan Richards is handling the feis Christmas decorations.

The Feis Committee will be handling our own concessions.

The awards committee will meet next week. As of today, first feis dancers will receive a fleece blanket with the MM school logo, and a squishmallow.

Feis Registration will open end of April, beginning of May. The feis will have one additional stage from last year.

**Old Business:**

Shamrocks of Support:

We sold 61 shamrocks and they really made the float look festive and personal. We will continue selling shamrocks next year.

St Patrick’s Day

Overall, it was a fun! We did receive some feedback from the younger families who felt they didn’t get to meet new families. A suggestion was to have a pre-St Patrick’s day mixer. Another suggestion was a dress rehearsal at the upstairs studio with a party downstairs. Janice Shoman said she will talk to the teachers regarding rehearsal/mixer. Another suggestion was a post St Patrick’s party.

New Parent Room

It’s amazing we now have a meeting space! We have a small wish list, we’re looking for a bulletin board, clock, and additional table or two as well as a lock for our storage room.

**New Business:**

The Colleen

The venue is booked. We have a new point of contact at the golf course and Dan and Janice will set up a met.

Janice is gathering auction items. A suggestion was made to have more auction items geared towards men, and more baskets with adult beverages. We will attempt this for 2023.

**Discussion**:

Website

Janice Shoman states she hasn’t begun the work on the website, but it’s on the list to get done.

Family Marketplace

Janice Shoman will talk to the teachers about possible weekends where we can sell items such as solo dresses, gently used MM gear, shoes, etc. The thought is to host a two-day event in the parent room.

A motion was made to adjourn by Joe Anderer and seconded by Lori Strangberg. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.