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

**Meeting Minutes 11-3-2022**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm.

Meeting minutes were discussed and approved. Joe Anderer motioned to approve and Angie Heding seconded. Motion passed.

President –

We currently have 77 dues paying families, which is approximately 73% of the families enrolled in MM. We are still invoicing members through Paypal. This program has had both positive and a little negative feedback. The negative being that some people have a high volume of emails coming in and their invoice gets lost in the shuffle. We will continue with automated invoicing and continue to evaluate.

Treasurer-

Our current bank balance is $26,421.24. Glencastle still has not cashed their check from the golf outing, and the Badger State feis has not cashed theirs either. We have an available balance of $13,146.94.

**Committee Reports:**

Holiday Party Committee-

All planning is on track, similar to last year. One change, Dan Richards reports Santa will be available for 2 hours this year, since we have double the kids. A suggestion was to have a Christmas backdrop for photos with Santa, which could be shared with the MM feis.

Silent auction items and MMFO merchandise are on track, along with crafts and cookie decorating. Janice Shoman will reach out over the next week to Crossroads Pizza regarding the food.

Feis Committee-

Bonni Fredrick reports the feis went well, and will continue with the theme for 2023. Next year’s feis is already in the planning stages, with the hotel block and venue secured. The only hang up this year might be scheduling, as it’s the same weekend as Harley Davidson’s anniversary celebration.

The feis committee expects a higher registration for next year, and hopes to run 5 stages. Some of the monies earned from last year’s feis will be set aside for seed monies for 2023 and to purchase some extras/wish list items in lieu of renting. (example: walkie talkies, maybe stages).

Bonni also mentioned the Feis Committee is beginning to age out, and now would be a good time for parents to volunteer and eventually join the committee. If you or another dance parent you know is interested about learning more, please reach out to Bonni Fredrick.

**Old Business:**

Regarding our Educational Family Gathering, we reached out to a MM family whose husband owns Kelly’s Bleachers Tavern on Bluemound, and reserved the large back room for us on February 5th. Janice Shoman spoke with the teachers regarding, and we agreed MMFO would sponsor their mock feis again, and it would be held at this event. There will be various educational stations for families. Natalie Walesa volunteered to head this committee.

**New Business:**

Janice Shoman was approached by the teaching staff regarding possible fundraising for the new studio space. They asked for financial help with mirrors and possibly flooring. Janice Shoman presented the request for discussion, and one member stated that because MMFO is a non-profit, MMFO should not be funding and/or purchasing items that are necessities for the school to run their business. The membership agreed, and there was no discussion in favor of. Other members stated MMFO should be fundraising for school embellishments, such as furnishing a parent room, helping with wifi, and maybe a television.

A vote was presented to the membership.

Should MMFO have a fundraiser to help with mirrors and floor costs for the new studio space. The final vote: In favor: 0 Against: 11.

The vote decided MMFO would not be conducting a fundraiser for floors or mirrors. A suggestion was made for a GoFundMe as in the past, and families could voluntarily donate.

**Discussion:**

Ericka Guzman checked into the cost of tanning equipment for the family organization. The cost for good equipment was approximately $1573. Members discussed who would store, clean and be responsible for the equipment. As well as the costs of room rental at a venue for MMFO to conduct the tanning. It was agreed the tanning equipment might not be cost effective for MMFO at this time and membership decided to table the idea until next year.

A motion was made to adjourn by Dan Richards and seconded by Joe Anderer.

The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.