

# McNamara McCarthy Family Organization

## Minutes for January 16, 2025 – 7:00 PM

### Held at O’Sullivan’s

Members Present: Jessie Nicolson, Dan Richards, Liz Johnson, Emma Todt, Angie Heding, Doug Heding; Greg Poulton; April Ciriacks; Erica Ernst; Anna McCormick

- **Call to Order** 7:02pm by Jessie Nicholson.
- **Approve Minutes** from November 14, 2024 meeting. Dan Richards moved, Liz Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.
- **Financial Update** (Lori Strangberg-Treasurer) we have a gain of \$1.14 in interest, but we are going to check if any membership payments need to be pushed through.
- **President’s Update** (Jessie Nicholson-President)
  - **Worlds Fees Discussion** – 50 Euro/dancer - ~\$155 USD (2, possibly 3 dancers). Discussion was positive, we agreed that we have the money, and that the intention of the MM Feis funds was for funding majors. Dan Richards moved to approve, Angie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vote 6-1. **Motion passes.**
  - **MMFO Supported Hospitality Room at 2025 Oireachtas** – teachers working on this. Not a practice space, a place to go to “chill” and get away from the hustle and bustle of Oireachtas.
  - **Discussion of Bylaws and “At-Large” board member positions.** There is a lot of flexibility in the bylaws so no change to bylaws is needed when adding board members.
    - Jessie Nicholson nominated: Greg Poulton, April Ciriacks, Emma Todt, and Anna McCormick to be At-Large Members of the Board.
    - They all agreed that they would be willing to serve. We will notify the larger org and vote at the next meeting.
  - **DirectorySpot – lay out guidelines / concerns**
  - **Doll Dress Fundraiser** – Anna / Krys – no updates at this time. **We are going to do just the school dress, Anna to follow up with Krys.**
- **Membership Update** (Cindi Graves-Membership). Need to continue to push MMFO membership with families of younger dancers.

#### Standing Business

- **Mini Feis – February 2, 2025, MM Studio**
  - “GARAGE SALE”: Angie will put information on MM Community Facebook page, we will have “Suggested Donation” amount with signs.
  - Reminder: paying for musician, donuts/coffee in parent room. Jessie will bring treats/coffee – use water from MM closet.
  - Dress Rack – divided opinion, suggestion that we do an MM Family Dress rack during Parent/Teacher. Decided not to do a solo dress rack.
  - Dan, Liz, Emma, Jessie will be there to help.

- **St. Patrick's Day Kickoff Party.** (Dan / Megan / Jessie)
  - **March 2, 2025, 2:30-4:30 at the McKinley Lodge Brookfield Masonic Center, 4550 N. Pilgrim Rd., Brookfield, WI**
  - Flyer next week (Megan) – include link to Shamrocks and link to join MMFO
  - MMFO Membership strongly suggested to attend, as there is NO CHARGE for the event so MMFO dues are covering the event.
  - Will need volunteers – Jessie will create SignUpGenius to go out end of February.
  - Flyer / social post – Megan & Jessie
  - Google form for RSVP – Megan
  - Shamrock cookies – Jessie
  - Decorations & Nametags – Jessie and Megan
  - Beer, water, and sound – Dan
  - Shamrocks of support table – Jessie
  - Schedule:
    - 2:30-2:45: check in
    - 2:45-3: announce performance groups and have them meet up. Maybe give them a team color?
    - 3-4: parent breakout info meeting led by teachers and/or parents. Parents will have chance to meet other parents in their performance group. Beer available in breakout room for suggested donation.
    - 3-4: Dancers participate in Oireachtas bonding style events/competitions. Probably 3 20-minute activities, depending on performance group number.
      - Jessie & Megan will come up with plan.
    - 4-4:30: Everyone comes together - could show parents a few SPD show numbers or just do a free for all ceili (that includes Cotton Eyed Joe, of course) + serve shamrock cookies & water
- **St. Patrick's Day Parade** (Dan)
  - Same float as last year but elevate it on pallets to better hear the hard shoes, mic underneath the pallet. Using existing materials – try to keep it under \$500 all in
  - **Shamrocks of Support Fundraiser** (Jessie) - \$10, \$20, \$30/shamrock. Mid February-March 8<sup>th</sup> online. Table at SPD Kickoff Party. Assorted sizes because that's what's available, will sell different sizes. Will have a FB post with a shareable link and an email. April will work to get it on website.
  - Dan will check on if there is an area that we would say that MM Parents can hang out at along parade route.
  - Need to find people to help build float Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> in the alley behind the studio (weather depending)
- **MM Feis Update Sunday July 20th** (Alison)
  - "I am meeting with Bonni and the badger state team next week to work on shared planning between the two feisianna. The syllabus is in development. Things are on track for hosting the event on Sunday, July 20th. I was planning to start pulling the committee together after I meet with Bonni and team next week."
  - We will need to have an event to look at the stage and get out the old screws sometime this summer.
- **The Colleen** (Dan / Megan)

- **Hart Park Update / Irish Fest**
  - Deck?

### **New Business**

- **Proposed Scheduled Upcoming Meeting Dates**
  - February 20, 7:15 pm
  - March 10, 6:15 pm (Monday and earlier than normal time)
  - April 24, 7:15 pm
  - All meetings held in the MM Parent Room or O'Sullivan's, depending on Parent Room availability.
- **Adjourn Cindy Graves motioned to adjourn, Doug Heding 2<sup>nd</sup>. 8:05pm**