

McNamara McCarthy Family Organization

Minutes for August 1, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Members Present:

Cindi Graves, Dan Richards, Liz Johnson, April Ciriacks, Jessie Nicholson, Lori Strangberg

- **Call to Order** by Jessie Nicholson @ 6:37 pm
- **Approve Minutes** from June 27th meeting (Jessie Nicholson)
 - Motion-Cindi
 - Second-Liz
 - Unanimous.
- **Financial Update** (Lori Strangberg-Treasurer)
 - Cash balance at end of May:
 - Unrestricted-z441,873 in bank - \$35,000 or so of that is feis.
 - Feis balance – Still waiting on some receipts. Looking really good right now. \$11,800. \$35,000 in feis account from last four years. These are not final numbers.
- **Membership Update** (Cindi Graves-Membership)
 - Reconciliation will occur at end of September after registration.
 - 78 active members; 9 inactive (10%) – where we are most months.
 - People who had invoices due this week considered active.
 - April asked Cindi to look at how it shows up in email.
 - Cindi, Angie, & Jessie: Family Directory – will get this off the ground in the fall after reconciliation.
- **MM Feis Update**
 - Supplies largely purchased this year.
 - Feedback:
 - Other schools mentioned that they don't feis on Sunday because the Saturday feis takes too long. Should consider doing a 2nd chance on Sunday or asking to take on Saturday
 - Santa was missed.
 - Volunteer struggles: counters and check ins.
 - Need champs dancers and drillers to count at feis.
 - Consider highlighting that it could be considered service hours.
 - Need to know the age limitations.
 - Consider Incentivizing retired dancers – Irish fest tickets or pay an honorarium. Need to ask Bonni about 501c3 limitations on this.

- **The Colleen** (Dan Richards and Megan Fisher)
 - Wrap up:
 - Profit: \$9,281.92 – split with Glencastle. Up 34%
 - Huge shoutout to Tom McCormack and Rasumussens.
 - Jessie will write thank you notes for hole sponsors.
 - Kid Zone: need a parent from both MM and Glencastle next year with more strict enforcement : parents must be golfing, potty trained
 - Raffle baskets: 56 baskets, 2 silent auctions, 3 live raffles. Kudos to Megan for managing and how lovely everything looked.
 - Didn't make as much money on raffle baskets as in the past.
 - Goal: get to 100 golders, they'll shut down the facility. 144 sells out the course.
 - Logo on back of shirts – big sponsor.
 - Goal to make it more competitive of all skill levels to win.
 - 13 4-somes: Glencastle; 10 4-somes: MM
 - Next year: July 24, 2025.

- **President's Update**
 - Super successful MM Feis and Colleen Golf Outing! THANK YOU!
 - "Garage Sale" fundraiser – first week of class or end of October.
 - New Family Meet Up – O'Donoghue's – purchase apps – new families, teachers, MMFO members, drillers dance – JESSIE will talk with teachers and figure out date.
 - Oireachtas fees
 - Last year only did family fees.
 - Have quite a bit of feis funds built up.
 - Need to see where there are dancers who may not benefit from first feis, holiday party, new family social.
 - General consensus that we would pay family fees, and possibly Team / Solo / Trad Set fees.
 - Oireachtas bonding
 - MMFO would like to leave this as a teacher and Oireachtas parents event.

Standing Business

- **Hart Park** (Dan Richards)
 - Food for dancers. Allergy free menu.
 - Dan thinks we'll be under \$1500 budget for setup. Need to buy more speakers and Brent is donating some. Going to mic the floor.
 - MMFO supporting the dancers at the event with extras like sound and food.
- **Irish Fest Shows Update – none.**
- **Holiday Party**
 - Venue – Angie checking Peck Pavillion at zoo. If we find a big enough place, raffle off Christmas trees?
 - Food – depends on venue. Potluck?
 - Entertainment

- Registration timeline – and cost?
- Will discuss at next meeting after checking zoo.

New Business

- **Facebook post:** Hart Park, garage sale, Christmas party
- **Scheduled Upcoming Meeting Dates**
 - September 12, 7 pm
 - October 17, 7 pm
 - November 14, 7 pm
 - All meetings held in the MM Parent Room
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion-Angie
 - Second-Dan
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 12 at 7 pm.