

McNamara McCarthy Family Organization

Minutes for October 17, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Held at O’Sullivan’s

Members Present: Megan Fisher, Lori Strangberg, Anna McCormick, Alison Gunia, Jesse Nicholson, Liz Johnson, Angie Heding

- **Call to Order** by Jessie Nicholson @ 7:05
- **Approve Minutes** from September 12th meeting (Jessie Nicholson)
 - Motion-Liz Johnson
 - Second-Anna McCormick
- **Financial Update** (Lori Strangberg -Treasurer)
 - Cash balance at end of September - \$27,072
 - Unrestricted – \$12,647
 - Feis balance – \$14,424
 - Moved to reflect this to reflect the payout of O fees from the Feis. Angie Heding-Motioned , Alison Gunia Second – voted unanimously
 - Paid out Oireachtas fees
 - P&L statements available upon request
- **President’s Update**
 - New Family Welcome – teachers said it was fun, easy – they’ll likely do this in the future. MMFO was not involved
 - “Garage Sale” fundraiser – roll into mini feis, to give littles first crack
 - LAUNCH –Elmbrook student project. Kicked off today. Would appreciate meetings with Lori and Dan/Megan.
 - Open board position & By Laws Update
 - Jessie posted on Facebook – minimal interest. She has talked to a few people, but there is a low level of willingness or interest, in large part due to when meetings occur. All of us need to canvas for people to may be interested.
 - Lori will meet with them and talk budget on 10/23
 - Wants to do by-laws with LAUNCH team, work on budget templates, fundraising ideas
- **Membership Update** (Cindi Graves-Membership)
 - Cindy will be sending an update via email
- **Hart Park Update / Irish Fest**
 - In the past, MMFO has provided food and sound support. In future, teachers have requested help with fees for the park. A
 - 2024 fee was \$523; Already paid for 2025 (\$1,599-\$500 is damage deposit).

- Can MMFO plan to split with the school in 2026? At this time we'd like to revisit the discussion in Sept 2025, but will commit to food and sound going forward.
- Discussed backstage at Hart Park and Irish Fest and offered suggestions to the teachers, which they appreciated.

Standing Business

- **Previous Holiday Party – recast as Pre-SPD Kickoff.**
 - Teachers love the idea of pre SPD kickoff, but not on the same day as the Mini Feis.
 - Jessie & Laura discussing location possibilities and date.
- **Mini Feis**
 - Teachers have confirmed February 2, 2025 – AT THE MM STUDIO.
 - Requests for MMFO:
 - Provide Squishmallows as prizes.
 - Pay for musician. (\$150ish)
 - Provide refreshments for parents in parent room meeting area.
 - “Garage sale”
- **MM Feis Update** (Bonni Fredrick / Alison G) – nothing to discuss
 - General update that leadership hand off is underway. Alison met with Bonni and will continue to in the coming months
- **The Colleen** (Dan Richards and Megan Fisher)
 - After action meeting – October 22.
 - Date confirmed: July 24, 2025

New Business

- **Fund raising idea** – Anna McCormick mentioned having Chris Chaprl who mentioned that she could do make MM costume doll dress. Will speak to teachers about openness to something like this.
- Can we have Chris come to the studio like we do for Gibson's?
- **Scheduled Upcoming Meeting Dates**
 - November 14, 7 pm
 - December 12, 7 pm
 - January 16, 7 pm
 - All meetings held in the MM Parent Room or O’Sullivan’s, depending on Parent Room availability.
- **Adjourn**
 - Motion – Angie Heding
 - Second – Alison Gunia
 - Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Next Meeting: Nov 14, 7pm – O’Sullivan’s