

**MIR Membership Meeting
September 17, 2015
Turnagain Elementary Library**

- Meeting Called to order at 6:55 by Beka Simmons Vice-president
- MIR introduction to the organization and welcome to new members by Beka Simmons
- Introduction of Board:
 - Justin Gonka–President
 - Brooke Dudley- Secretary
 - Becky Simons- vice-President
 - Wendy turner- Treasurer
- Wendy Turner will be stepping down due to family matters.
- Justin Gonka is willing to move to treasurer.
- Justin Gonka steps down from president.
- Justin Gonka nominated for treasurer by Allison Turner
- Seconded by Catlin Jaksic
- Call for members to vote on motion-
 - Members pass motion passes
- Call for nominations for position of MIR president.
 - No nominations heard.
 - Members agree to leave position vacant for now.
- Justin Gonka states MIR bylaws say there is not limits to number of vice presidents.
- As of now working to mend the bylaws, which are limiting because they state the president must be a check signer, ASD employees are not allowed to sign.
- Call for nominations for MIR vice-president.
 - Maria Belozertseva nominates herself as vice president.
 - Monica McTeague seconds the motion.
 - Call for vote on motion for Maria Belozertseva to become vice-president.
 - Motion passes.
- Secretary Brooke Dudley asks if members have reviewed minutes provided from May 2015.
 - Call for corrections or amendments. None voiced.
 - Jim Corrigan motions for approval of last meetings minutes.

- Karen Loeffler-Quintieri seconds
- Mir members vote to approve minutes.
- Treasurers report and explanation of 2015-16 Budget presented by Justin Gonka
 - Justin Gonka offered up a way to change the look so it is easier to read and will be doing so.
 - Last fiscal year was covered.
 - Proposed spending explained
 - Items for fundraising were pointed out
 - United we Run is new this year. This was voted on and approved last year and this is currently underway.
 - Russian summer camp- successful. Thanks to Mrs. Olga.
 - 535 dollars net profit.
 - MIR board has voted to increase money for field trips from \$250 to \$500.
 - This year will be the first graduation of a MIR group from k-12.
 - MIR supports this entire program K-12. This was pointed out.
 - There will be a 12th grade graduation expense added this year.
 - UAA recital hall was reserved and this entailed a fee because the other Romig and West rooms were booked.

Members invited to ask questions or make comments.

- Catlin Jaksic moves to approve the Treasurers report and Budget
- Matt Dudley seconds the motion.
- Members vote to approve Treasurers report and Budget.
- Member Cara Obrien-Holen is recognized as presenter of United We Run
 - Running race/MIR Fundraiser October 24th United Nations day
 - Skinny raven will be doing the timing.
 - Sponsors recognized
 - Goal is to recruit all the immersion programs in town to join and a trophy for the group with the most participants will be awarded.
 - This is a Healthy Future race.
 - The long-term goal is to have a grant stem from this.
 - Courses are starting and finishing at West Chester lagoon and the hope is it will go over the new bridge on the coastal trail, alternate route planned if the bridge is not done in time.
 - First 100 people at bib pickup will get a 20% off at REI card.
 - Have ordered 400 bracelets for the participants and the do-rags for 5k finishers.
 - Prizes for top 3 will be given but have not been determined.
 - Expense of Skinny Raven timing (\$2000.) was the biggest.
- Beka Simmons is recognized
 - Presents Pumpkin Patch Committee Update

- New business:
 - Membership sign up, reminder must be a member to vote.
 - 74 members so far for 2015-16

- Communications:
 - MIR would need help with the website
 - We are looking at hiring a student for the website maintenance
 - Email has been adjusted. List-serv is being updated
 - Please let the board know if you are not getting updates.

- Committees:
 - Multiple slots are open.
 - Call to members to sign up.
 - Sign ups passed around.

- Budget:
 - Was already approved
 - Question about classroom supply funds for new teachers.
 - Justin Gonka answers- there is a concern over making sure this is equal across the teacher requests. There is 980 dollars budgeted for this. Board is reaching out the teachers about how best to do this. Teachers are encouraged to submit their requests. Those teachers submitting requests should be members of MIR.

- Anna Walker is recognized, asks about a possible folk and classical dance afterschool program. There is already a line for the after-school line item in the budget. Several members express interest in proposed dance program.
 - Katlin Jaksic motions to move forward with dance program.
 - Seconded by Kelly Brown
 - Members vote and approve motion.

- Good of the Order:
- Brooke Dudley announces Ms. Whaley teacher at West is willing to run a parent Russian class.
 - Details given.
 - A sign up sheet made available.
 - Multiple people interested.

- 4-5 grade camp idea was raised. There is a discussion afoot with the teachers to discuss. Board plans to discuss this at next board meeting.

- Call for further questions/comments

- Meeting adjourned by Justin Gonka at 7:35PM.