



M.I.R. Parents, Inc.
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 26, 2019 6pm-8pm
Location: Home of Karen Biggs 3910 Geneva Pl Anchorage

- A. **Call to Order and Welcome** began at 6:18
- B. **Additions and Changes to the Agenda**
- C. **President's Report**- Karen Loeffler-Quintieri
- D. **Secretary Report/Minutes Approval**- Charlotte Hansen tabled due to no GENERAL MEETING minutes
- E. **Treasurer's Report**- Karen Biggs
- F. **Guest Speaker Brandon Locke** not in attendance
- G. **Old Business:**
 - a. Update on MIR Meet the World Recruitment Report Ms. Olga suggested to be in the parade. Be better prepared next year. Costumes, etc. Ensure it's on the schedule (Calendar) and participation high as it is quite involved. Perhaps both inside and outside for the Fur Rondy. Little kids inside? Bigger kids outside? Open the opportunity to all of turnagain school to help put the word out about the program, as lottery time follows no long after
 - b. Storage – Update on inventory Relo C. Helena doesn't have a problem with using it? Ask Charlie. Moving big items (scenery) to where (relo C or Romig)?
 - c. Dual Language Advisory Committee (DLAC) Brandon? No report
 - d. Rossinca Visit no one detained!! Horray! Yet there were some host family issues. Bad matches. The dancing was a big hit. Might want to reciprocate? Summer camp only. ASD won't have anything to do with it.
 - i. Need De-Brief and write up
 - e. St. Petersburg 534 Exchange Update up to 41 students might come. Might need to limit the numbers. As far as our kids going over, might consider the age group. Consider discipline and social interaction from a student perspective. Discuss with sven and carrie and the rec committee.
 - f. Nutcracker Rebecca VanWick suggested maybe at the west high school auditorium next year. Maybe charge \$2 ticket. Maybe make it a more community event. Maybe have presents for the kids. It could be a money maker. Get it voted on and budgeted ASAP. By May.
 - g. Silver Archer Award. MIR has been recognized by Moscow for the promotion of the Russian Culture and Language. We need to scan the letter and put it on the MIR website. Also put the letter in the case at Turnagain.



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H. New Business:

- a. Parent survey results – Maria 17 responses so far. 58% understand MIR purpose, 5% don't, 35% don't know. 70% say yes that MIR keeps them apprised of events. More stats avail from Maria. Suggestions for events. Adult/kids dance/poetry. More exposure to kids fairy tales.
 - i. Results Analysis
 - ii. Summer Camp August time frame. Right before school as a refresher. Aug 5-9? Motion by Maira B to have a summer camp for K-6 with 7-12 as assistants. Katlyn seconded the motion. All in favor. None opposed.
 1. Committee Ms. Pustina Ms. Piekarski
 2. Cost Analysis and Needed to add to budget \$250/week is the going rate for summer camp programs. Ask turnagain if we can have it there or if we need to rent another place.
 3. Topics and staffing
- b. March 4-7 – ASD Maslenitsa plans at Turnagain & West High
 - i. What is needed from MIR? Volunteers for templates. Making food.
 - ii. Thursday Potluck for Staff
- c. Afterschool Classes
 - i. Class Ideas Russian folk dance? Culminated in a performance? This requires a large time commitment. Perhaps auditions. Not open to everyone. Requires proper costumes \$\$\$\$ (parents pay for the costumes?) (or does MIR invest in proper costumes?) practice place? Ask anchorage ballet what it costs to rent a room.
 - ii. Instructors/payment
- d. Graduation and Completion Ceremonies
 - i. Needs from MIR the problem is the boat. ASD must move it but they don't have the time. They want to do it on May 2nd. That's too early. Contract it out.
 1. 6th Grade
 - a. Gift Bags
 2. High School



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- ii. Boat Movement
- e. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Committee [Deferred to the board meeting.](#)
- f. Elections at Next Meeting

I. Good of the Order

J. Adjourn At 8:35pm

CALENDAR:

March 27th 6:30p.m. Board Meeting Loussac

April 30th 6:30, Romig (Elections) Membership meeting, Tuesday,

May 6th MIR hosts Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Turnagain.

May - TBA - 6th grade completion Ceremony at Turnagain.

May 10th Russian Immersion Graduation Ceremony

May 20th 6:30p.m. Board Meeting Loussac

Next General Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, April 30th at Romig Middle School

Fundraising snuck in this meeting because there is little discipline. Adjust days for fun run, ticket prices at nutcracker, galas, skate-a-thon with added parents event. Bring food and folks will come. [Check with Kincade/Muni about renting the park/chalet for fundraising activities.](#) Partner with healthy futures? Perhaps utilize a fund raising organization to help raise money in a efficient way. Brook talked about the intern program. They might have a candidate. Looking for hose families. Needs to be in the budget.