

**M.I.R. Parents Inc.**

**Turnagain Elem, Romig J.H. & West H.S.**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

Nov. 13, 2018, at Romig Middle School



**Call to Order and Welcome** at 6:34pm

**Secretary's Report** - Approval of last meeting's minutes. Valerie Ekberg-Brown motioned to pass the minutes, Caitlin Jaksic seconded it.

**Treasurer's Report** - Karen Biggs presented Profit and Loss report.

- \$9K for Russia trip next year
- UN Run - more expenses this year due to buying swags (lip balms, sticker) , they will be used for next year too.
- We had less money in sponsorship
- Carr Foundation donated \$2,500 and Karen sent them a report.

### **Old Business:**

1. Membership drive - we have 99 members!
2. Anchorage United Nations Day 2K/5K - Sponsors were mentioned on our website, newsletter and Facebook. We had 23 more runners this year than last year.
1. Officer vacancy (Secretary) - call for nominations. Board nominated Charlie Hansen, kindergarten parent. She was not present at the meeting. Since we didn't have a quorum, the voting was postponed.
2. Storage Update - our items are not at Turnagain yet. When we receive the pallet, items will be stored at Relo C.
3. "Nutcracker" School Production - Dec. 15, 2018 at 11am.  
Practices are going well. We have reserved Turnagain MPR/Gym for the following rehearsals: Sat, Nov 17th, Sat, Dec 1st and final dress rehearsal Thu, Dec 13th.
4. Make-It-Mug Fundraiser - Drawing of free mugs at the meeting.
  - Turnagai Elementary winners: Charles Cagle, Gae Marugg, Sammy Stokes, Lillian Biloon, and Nathan Biloon
  - Romig winner: Sophia Johansen
  - West High winner: Mrs. Reep was not at the meeting but she did have some design submissions. We will follow up with her.

### **New Business:**

1. Guest Speaker: Mr. Tom Betti, Personal Financial Representative, talked about 529 plan (college plan), mutual funds and savings options and how to start saving money.
2. New Logo - presented it to membership for review. There were few suggestions on how to improve new logo: keep it round, no orange color, image of the children shaking hands. Maria Belozertseva will talk to Lee Post and see if it will be possible to make more changes.

3. Kaladi Coffee Sales Start Nov 14th - Heather Probasco is leading this fundraiser.
4. Father Frost Celebration - We will have two assemblies at Turnagain on January 11th. The point of contact at Turnagain from teachers is Mrs. Erickson. The chair of the committee is Maria Belozertseva. We will have books for K-1 grades for both Russian and Neighbourhood, Russian candies and Mandarins. Karen Loeffler-Quintieri will purchase mandarins, 6 boxes 80 ea in a box. The cost will be around \$250.
5. Exchange Students from St. Petersburg are planning to be in Anchorage on Mar. 18-28, 2019. Possibly 33 students. We have 10 host families so far. We still need more host families. Some Turnagain families are interested in hosting. The chair of the committee is Valerie Ekberg-Brown. Some of the activities include Alaska Native Heritage Center, Sealife Center overnight trip (Mrs. Sumner is working on it).
6. Other: Mrs. Artemyeva requested to have a fundraiser table at the Nutcracker performance at Turnagain on Dec 15th to raise money for the Exchange program.

Maslenitsa is scheduled for April 13th at Romig.

**Good of the Order, Adjourn a 8:10pm**

**Next MIR membership meeting will be Tuesday, Feb. 26th, 6-8 PM @ Biggs home (3910 Geneva Place, 99508) - enjoy wine/cheese tasting while we meet.**

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**MIR Officers:**

President: Karen Loeffler-Quintieri

Vice-Presidents: Maria Belozertseva, Valerie Ekberg-Brown, Caitlin Jaksic, Inna Erickson

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Karen Biggs

Past-President: Heather Probasco