**MINUTES**

MURIEL MARTIN FUNDRAISING SOCIETY

January 8, 2024

8pm

In attendance:

Joseline Leroux, Erin Pickard, Nathan Riske, Catherine Burkell, Shipra Seth, Tamie Whitecotton, Jonathan Martin, Amanda Walter, Beth Frigo, Marteen Lindstrom, Jeff Birdsell

Apologies: Taylor Schappert, Dave Tolson, Stephanie Faulkner

1. Call to order/Introductions

Meeting called to order at 8.15pm.

1. Additions to/approval of Agenda

Flipgive update added as item 5b. Climbing mats update added as item 5c. Year-end BBQ added as item 6g.

Motion to approve by Erin Pickard, seconded Shipra Seth. Motion approved.

1. Approval of Fundraising Monthly Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2023 meeting (previously circulated)

Motion to approve by Nathan Riske, seconded by Erin Pickard. Motion approved.

1. Treasurer’s report

**Summary**

Reporting period includes the months of November and December.

Total Cash on Hand decreased by $2,270.71.

Changed from $90,554.48 as of October close to $88,283.77 at December close.

**Operating Account**

Opening Balance: $24,229.13

Closing Balance: $11,749.02

Net Activity: ($12,480.11)

Healthy Hunger: $5,435.90

Halloween Dance: $1,369.07

Total Net: $2,281.22

Skip the Depot: $519.38

Best Seats in the House Raffle: $310.00

Transfer to savings: ($10,000.00)

Learning Commons: ($6,204.65)

Davidson Orchards: ($2,733.81)

Total Net: $756.19

Insurance: ($1,176.00)

**Savings / Playground Fund**

Opening Balance: $66,275.35

Closing Balance: $76,484.75

Net Activity: $10,209.40

Interest: $209.40

Transfer from operating: $10,000.00

**Casino Account**

No activity - Balance: $50.00

Nathan offered to provide details of the playground reserve component of the Savings account going forward.

Motion to approve Treasurer’s report by Tamie Whitecotton, seconded by Catherine Burkell. Motion approved.

1. Old Business
   1. Best seats in the house raffle

Our Best Seats raffle ran on Healthy Hunger ahead of the four Grade 3-6 Christmas concerts and raised $310. Minimal work was involved, and we plan to do the same for the K-2 Spring concerts in March. Catherine can copy over the event on Healthy Hunger into the new dates. Winners enjoyed their front row seats.

* 1. Flipgive Christmas fundraiser

Around $200 was raised. Thanks to Tamie Whitecotton for a large purchase for her office staff which earned MMFS over $100. There is approximately $280 on the account currently, plus $58 pending. Once pending funds are cleared Catherine will request our next cheque. Since Flipgive launched in 2020 we have earned over $1,500 in commission.

* 1. Climbing wall mats update

To recap, the existing climbing wall protection mats in the gym are 10 years old and are starting to fall apart. Gord Thompson (Phys Ed) requested matching funds from Fundraising for a Community Incentives program (CIP) Govt of Alberta grant application. This was approved in February 2023 for up to $8,000. Mr Thompson has been very busy and is struggling to complete the application with Running tryouts starting this week. Catherine has agreed to take over completion of the application for submission by the January 15th deadline.

1. New business
   1. Music residency Garth Prince $6,000 plus GST May 27-June 4

Garth will come in to teach students African dance with final performances on June 4th. Previous artists-in-residence such as hoop dancer/hip hop dancer have been well received by students.

Motion to approve by Catherine Burkell, seconded by Shipra Seth. Motion approved.

* 1. Chromebooks x 30 (approx. $400 each) = $12,000 plus GST

Request for funds for a further 30 chromebooks, to complete this year’s required renewals. Chromebooks purchased over the Summer related to the 2022-23 school year renewals.

Motion to approve by Erin Pickard, seconded by Catherine Burkell. Motion approved.

* 1. Bottle Drive January 13, 2024

Our Winter bottle drive is on Saturday.

* 1. Art Cards

We will do an art card fundraiser for Mother’s Day. Catherine will pull out last year’s timetable and work with Ion to update for this year. If possible, non-Winter themed cards are preferable.

* 1. Purdy’s for Easter

We will launch Purdy’s for Easter for delivery in the same timeframes as prior years (week commencing March 11th). Although Easter is earlier this year it shouldn’t impact timeframes. Spring break starts on the Friday of the week following.

* 1. Casino – Q3 2024

We have been notified that we have been moved up to Q3 from Q4 for our next Casino. We will learn our exact date in February. Our first Casino raised approximately $15k but came on the heels of Covid and took place on Superbowl Sunday. Hoping for a busier event this time around, although takings are averaged across all participants in the quarter to ensure fairness. We were happy with our last advisor, but Tamie will also provide the name of a second advisor for consideration.

* 1. Year-end BBQ

Erin has spoken to the Children’s Festival Food Coordinator who will provide a suggestion for our event, possibly a catered outdoor event rather than food trucks per se, keeping in mind that we need an affordable budget and do not want staff to serve. We will provide statistics from our previous events to aid this. More to follow in the coming months.

1. Other business

No other business.

1. Next meeting: February 5, 2024
2. Meeting Adjourned at 8.49pm.