

**BUCPS Executive Meeting**  
**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**  
**ONLINE Zoom**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance**

Slavko Nohas	Kelsey Whattam	Laura Vayaphanh
Andrea Chmilar	Peter Rachmistruk	
Christin Hyshka	Natalia Kostiuk	

**Proceedings**

- Slavko Nohas called the meeting to order at 7:35pm with opening prayer.

**Amendments and Approval of the Agenda**

- Motion: Andrea Chmilar moved the agenda be accepted. Kelsey Whattam seconds. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Amendments and Approval of BUCPS Meeting Minutes (September 25, 2023)**

- Minutes from the previous BUCPS meeting held September 25, 2023 were circulated via email prior to the meeting for review.
  - Correction to note: September **2023**.
  - Motion: Andrea Chmilar moved the meeting minutes be accepted as is. Seconded by Christin Hyshka. All in favour. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

- See New Business

**Administrative Reports**

- St. Nicholas – Peter Rachmistruk provided update
  - Holodomor was acknowledged with students by saying prayers, lighting candles and creating artwork.
  - St. Nicholas visited students on December 6, 2023. Bags (ornament, candy) were handed to all students.
  - Christmas concert will be held December 13, 2023 and lead by Pani Cokan.

- Since the change of the calendar, the Feast of Jordan will take place on January 6, 2024. Need to consider when to celebrate with students since school does not resume until January 8, 2024.
  - Potentially kids go to St. Sophia church for celebration since it is hard to navigate attending the Ukrainian Village with younger students.
  
- St. Theresa – Natalia Kostiuk provided update
  - Holodomor acknowledged by students and staff. Garnett Genius (MP) attended.
  - St. Nicholas also visited and handed out bags for Ukrainian students.
  - \$1400 was raised for Ukraine with bake sale put on by students.
  - Ukrainian students and staff are hoping to attend Feast Of Jordan celebration at Ukrainian Village on January 18, 2024 which UBLA grant can help fund bussing.
  
- Archbishop Jordan – no update provided.

Treasurer Report – submitted by Andrea Chmilar

General Account: \$8812.99

Casino Account: \$11,231.62

Sadochok Account: \$7393.90

Accounting of Pasta Dinner:

Income

Eventbrite Ticket sales: \$1936.01

Door Sales \$ 100.00

Pumpkin Raffle \$ 239.00

Beverage Sales \$ 290.00

Total: \$2565.01

Expenses

St. Sophia's Rental \$ 250.00

Pals Insurance \$ 174.00

Liquor License \$ 25.00

Eventbrite \$ 60.00

Décor \$ 225.67

Ukrainian Girl \$ 500.00\*

Total: \$1234.67

Revenue \$1330.34

-Raffle License report has been submitted to AGLC

### Confetti Sweets Fundraiser

As of Nov 29, 2023:

13 orders

37 dozen total

\$740/2 = \$370 profit

- Need to note that money was actually lost by having liquor available – just not the event for it.
  - Also need to be mindful if serving alcohol again in future as we are not to advertise event if selling alcohol, under the specific liquor license used. Would need to have different license if wanting to serve and advertise next year.

### Coordinator Update

- Confetti Sweets was another success.
- Slavko Nohas welcomed Laura Vayaphanh who is looking forward to helping with this role. More to come in January.

### New Business

- **Carolling**
  - Christin Hyshka asked who is organizing and which students will be participating.
  - Will email Vladko Boychuk to start the process.
  - Although many students of all ages interested, liability and organization need to be considered. For this year, will remain strictly Archbishop Jordan students.

- Reminder that there is no charge to receive carollers and if donation is made, tax receipts are not given as we are non profit.
- Andrea Chmilar notes carolling is about celebrating our Lord, creating memories and creating/building relationships withing our community.
- **Kindergarten Dolls**
  - Paula Harasymiw heading with Stephanie Ternovatsky.
  - Ran out of doll material; Andrea Chmilar was able to find bolster of same material at Marshalls and purchased for the program.
  - Bolster will be given to Lina Palsitt and returned after and kept for future.
- **St. Nicholas**
  - Had enough supplies to create all bags for this year which included ornament and candy.
  - Need to think about the contents of next years' bags. Is this something to continue going forward?
  - Collectively, it was agreed to continue bags in future if we are able to find ornaments for reasonable price. (current cost: \$2.00/ornament)
  - Stephanie Nahnybida will help drive St. Nicholas to each school.
- **4-8-12 Celebration**
  - No volunteers yet; will send email to school administrators to send to specific classes accordingly.
- **Sadochok**
  - Pani Sombyk has said this will be her final year teaching and if we want to continue to run the program, must find a replacement.
  - Problematic as the individual has to fall within specific parameters: must be level II, teach 2days/week – half days and financially agree.
- **Zoom/Email Service**
  - Kelsey Whattam suggested renew Zoom membership as it has proven to be very helpful within the past year and convenience of meetings.
  - Topic of professional, automated, and efficient emailing service has been discussed and should be entertained for BUCPS. Andrea Chmilar noted we have funds in the casino account which could be used for this. Kelsey Whattam will look into purchasing an account with Constant Contact.
- **Bandura Lessons**
  - Andrea Chmilar asked Natalia Kostyuk if bandura lessons are happening at St. Theresa.

- There is going to be after school program for those students who want to learn. Parents help pay for instrument and BUCPS will monetarily help fund the maintenance of the instruments.
- Natalia Kostiuk mentioned the concern for Ukrainian newcomers not being challenged enough with resources and inquired about potential budget for Ukrainian novels like Harry Potter to be added to libraries.
  - Andrea Chmilar said there is a budget of approx. \$200/year from UBLA as they want to support the language.
  - Peter Rachmistruk noted he may have a connection through St. Martin School in Edmonton for little cost. He will investigate and update.

**Next Meeting:**

- TBD

**Adjournment**

- Motion: Slavko Nohas moved meeting adjournment at 8:37pm. Seconded by Andrea Chmilar. All in favour. Carried.
- Meeting minutes recorded by Kelsey Whattam.