MASH M.U.N.

"Promoting and Preserving Peace"

MASH MUN (Model United Nations) is a club where students engage in discussing global issues and practice diplomacy through the simulation of a United Nations conference in which students may represent our school in academic competitions

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MASH Model United Nations (MUN) Club By-laws:

Article I. Club Name

1. The name of the club is MASH MUN, hereafter referred to as the club.

Article II. Purpose of the Club

- I. Provide opportunities to practice diplomacy while developing a deeper understanding of global issues
- II. Strengthen essential skills such as teamwork, leadership, critical thinking, research, and public speaking
- III. Witness global issues from viewpoints that differ from your own
- IIII. Participate in academic competitions hosted by local universities

Article III. Officer Positions

- I. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, and Secretary. Officer positions may be deleted or established by a majority vote of the club, excluding the role of the president, which shall be assigned to the clubs founder, Dakohta Artice.
- II. Officers (excluding the president) will be elected for one year by a vote of the club at the beginning of each term.

- III. Officers must be currently enrolled in Meadville Area Senior High.
- IV. Officers must show up to all meetings, and demonstrate leadership qualities.

Article IV. Officer Duties

- I. President responsible for leading the club in meetings and activities in accordance to guidance established by the Meadville High School administrators and these Bylaws. They must not only act as the president but also the treasurer, and be the leader on all projects.
- II. Vice President shall assist the president in club management, shall preside over club meetings in the absence of the president, and shall perform other duties assigned by the president.
- III. Secretary shall keep minutes of club meetings, maintain club membership records, and shall perform other duties assigned by the president. The secretary shall maintain an attendance roster for the club records.

Article V. Faculty Sponsors

- I. There must be a faculty sponsor(s). **Mr. Jayme Obenrader**
- II. Sponsors may vote in meetings and participate in all club activities.
- III. A sponsor must be present at all club meetings.
- IV. A sponsor will be responsible for supervising elections and maintaining order within the club.

Article VI. Executive Committee

- I. The executive committee will be composed of all club officers and sponsor(s).
- II. The executive committee will meet as required to make club decisions that do not need a majority vote of all club members.
- III. Meetings will be called as necessary.
- IV. This committee may recommend the creation of other committees. The additional committees will be created by vote of the club.

Article VII. Voting

- I. Each member may vote. (once)
- II. All votes are deemed equal
- III. All proposed changes (amendments) to these bylaws must be approved by a majority of the club.

Article VIII. General Fund

- I. The club will provide an annual budget designated for start up costs, equipment, activities, and events. In the case of needing additional funding, the club and its members in its entirety may hold a fundraiser to meet the needs of the club
- II. This fund will be managed by the club and placed into the club's school account.

Article IX. Meetings

- I. General meetings will be held as needed. Meeting locations and times are subject to change by a consensus of the club's officers. (most likely bi-weekly)
- II. At least one sponsor is required to attend each meeting.

III. Minutes and attendance will be taken during all meetings.

Article X. Code of Ethics

- I. All members will be responsible for their actions and respect the genius of others' work and property.
- II. Members shall abide by the student code of conduct published by Meadville Area Senior High.
- II. The club shall operate under current school policy.

Article XI. Changes to Bylaws

- I. Articles in this set of bylaws may be deleted or modified as deemed necessary by a majority of the club.
- II. Changes to the bylaws will be done as amendments.
- III. A majority vote is required to make any changes to the club's bylaws.

<u> Model United Nations (MUN)</u>

- Students engage in discussing global issues and practice diplomacy through the simulation of a United Nations conference in which students may represent our school in academic competitions
- Skills and practices include: <u>public speaking</u>, <u>debate</u>, <u>teamwork</u>, <u>leadership</u>, <u>critical thinking</u>, <u>research</u>, <u>diplomacy</u> <u>and many more</u>
- OPPORTUNITIES: A handful of local universities (such as <u>Gannon</u> and <u>Penn State Behrend</u>) hold yearly MUN competitions where students are presented with the opportunity to compete against other schools in a simulation conference of the United Nations ... (Some competitions award <u>scholarships</u> to top-performing delegates)
- [Students are assigned countries ahead of the conference]
- <u>Weekly meetings</u> will be held at a time that is convenient for all participating members (biweekly if necessary)
- Said meetings will include: <u>practice debates</u>, <u>public</u> <u>speaking exercises</u>, <u>team collaboration</u>, and training on <u>international relations</u> and UN procedures.
- Teacher Advisor will be Mr. Obenrader

NOTE: Participation in university-hosted MUN conferences is the goal, but not guaranteed. If attendance is not possible, the club will host MUN simulations of their own on school grounds to replicate the experience and apply skills learned