

# Meeting Minutes – Lansdowne Music Parents Association

October 03, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

**Attended by:** Kerri Fraser, Shannon Mycroft, Melanie Palmer, Andrew Sly, Elaina Mack,

**Teachers** Brian Anderson

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The approval of the agenda and September 12, 2022 minutes were motioned, seconded and approved.

## Treasurer's Report

The LMPA budget prepared by our Treasurer, Shannon, was presented. We are in a good place to start the year and after two anomalous years with covid restrictions, our fundraising efforts last year went well.

Melanie moved to approve the budget, Andrew seconded.

**Student Account Treasurer's report:** Andrew provided an overview of all the work that's gone into getting the student accounts set up for the year with the new grade six students in and previous grade eight students removed and applicable amounts transferred. There is presently \$5565.81 all the individual student accounts to start the year. Individual amounts are posted in the band room for students to see.

## Fundraising

Kerri now has the volunteer list from parent forms - thanks Brian for the spreadsheet.

**Coffee:** Discovery coffee is not likely to pan out; it's looking good that we will be able to set something up with Fernwood.

**Action** - Melanie following up with Fernwood by mid-month to confirm.

**Purdy's:** the Purdy's coordinators are meeting tomorrow night to get the campaign started and Kerri has more volunteers to help with this.

**Holiday Planter Sale:** Volunteers still sought for this.

**Action** - Kerri will update LMPA at the next meeting.

**Musical Desserts:** Coordination for this needs to begin as the concert is earlier this year.

**Action** - Kerri will prioritise this in connecting with volunteers

**50/50:** We need to check if it's easy to include the October 28th concert in our 50/50 fundraising this year. Brian mentioned we have only done the Blowing Out the Dust concert once before and it was just the tuba for donations.

**Actions** - Melanie will apply for 50/50 licence and ask if draws at multiple venues cause any issues. Kerri will follow up with parent volunteers for carrying out the draw.

## Teachers Report

Brian reports that this October is an exciting time with just about **300 students in music this year** and all the programs off the ground and students with their instruments. (135 in band 6, 87 in band 7, 44 in band 8. Strings has nearly 100 students, just shy of 50 of those are in grade 6.)

**Grade 6 rental night was a success** and L&M gives a bonus to LMPA for any instruments rented on this night. Last year this came to \$2000 in the form of a gift card. Numbers for this year are not available yet.

**Action:** Brian and Shannon to discuss how to reflect this in the budget/financial recordkeeping.

**Day with a Pro** happened for the grade 6 students on Sept 24th with lots of great feedback from students and the 11 visiting professionals.

**Blowing out the Dust:** all grade sevens and eights have at least two pieces to work on. Having an early goal to work towards has shown to be a good motivator for the students. Oak Bay set up is easy and rental fee is almost nothing so it's a great start to the year as we get everything started.

**Jazz Band** had 80 students interested, and due to rehearsal space restrictions, simple auditions had to be done to narrow down the numbers slightly for student comfort and safety. Jazz band will begin when this process is complete.

## Round Table

Discussion around meeting format occurred: Zoom meetings will continue to allow for flexibility of existing parent volunteers, with plans to hold one or two meetings in person in future for the social aspect.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.**