

Meeting Minutes – Lansdowne Music Parents Association

December 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

Attended by: Stacey Horton, Kerri Fraser (chair), Elaina Mack, Kirstie McNally, Shannon Mycroft, Megan Seel, Andrew Sly, Cathy Costigan, Melanie Palmer (minutes)

Teacher: Brian Anderson

Regrets: Paul Spelt, Jennifer Tuck

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- The approval of the agenda for tonight was motioned (Shannon) and seconded (Melanie).
- The approval of last meeting minutes from October 3, 2022, was motioned (Megan) and seconded (Shannon).

Treasurer's Report

Report for November is still in process due to the plant orders. We presently have \$47,498 in the general account. This number includes the poinsettia numbers which we don't have an itemized breakdown yet for.

Action: Shannon will report back on this in the January meeting.

E-transfers also proved to be a popular way for parents to pay with 9 e-transfers in November.

Paid music account with Lansdowne School – nothing unusual

Fernwood coffee fundraiser is going well. November cheque is cashed; AND lots of money went into student accounts due to the over \$1600 in November coffee orders.

Fundraising

Winter plant sale numbers will be sorted this month; Kerri, Andrew and Shannon will be working on this.

Megan had to step back from volunteer coordinator for personal reasons – LMPA seeking new volunteer coordinator.

Bake sale will be take home treats only as per Principal Giesbrecht, due to concerns over allergies at school. Treats shall be sold individually packaged and taken home.

Action: Kerri will send a message home tonight to volunteer list.

Musical Desserts progress unsure due to Megan stepping back.

Action: Kerri will touch base with Megan re donations of treats and silent auction status.

Teachers Report

Spring Music Tour:

- Forms have been returned and all chaperones are in place, including Elaina – thanks!

- Fundraising has been awesome, and kids are all motivated to get involved in fundraising for this tour.
- Cost side: LMPA has paid in past for students unable to afford this trip. Currently, two students need support. They're motivated to fundraise and still will likely be needing some help.
- Bus quote is the most expensive part of the trip– 25k right now, Brian will look for a revised quote in hopes it's come down due to fuel costs having come down.
- Some of the trip highlights include a performance at West Sechelt Elementary School who is really excited to have Lansdowne Music back. Also, Brooks Secondary School in Powell River is anticipating our visit and several band teachers are renting a theatre which may materialize in a big play and share with the local schools.

Concerts this week:

- The students are sounding really good and are prepared.
- No morning concerts this time due to teachers scheduling as an experiment, if it's really missed, then we will revisit for March.

Musical Desserts:

- Auditions will take place mid January.
- Oak Bay High is the venue which we are excited for due to the larger space both for students being able to watch as well as more space for auctions and dessert setup.

SD61 Survey regarding middle and elementary music programs:

Last week a short version was sent to all SD61 staff but was quickly redacted. Thought exchange sent out today looks to be more accessible but we must have anyone invested in music programs review and submit their responses.

Two expenditure requests:

- Request to increase budget on Blowing Out the Dust from initial estimation of \$150 to closer to the actual cost of \$445 due to cost of hall rental and posters. Shannon moved to increase; Melanie seconded.
- Request to increase budget for instrument rentals. Current budget is at 2500, actual spend was 3800 due to the number of instruments that need replacement, or if students need to rent a more expensive instrument such as a tuba. Kirstie moved to increase; Cathy seconded.

Shannon in contact with a person on the BCPAC and has been made aware of the fact that VCPAC usually has some funding available to assist with school music programs, specifically student instrument rental costs. They do not have enough money this year, but Shannon will keep in touch with the Music Advocacy Rep and will hope to access some of those funds for our students next school year.

New Business

Coffee ordering might be a little more complicated than necessary and Elaina has some tips for streamlining it – google forms and can turn everything into a spreadsheet – only details to be sorted are parents would need to e-transfer, and those who have already paid via cheque. We will change to this format in January! Thanks Elaina.

Round Table

Webmaster role found from November – not yet, Kerri is still working on it.

Elaina motioned to adjourn, Shannon seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37pm.