

Meeting Minutes – Lansdowne Music Parents Association

January 09, 2023

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

Attended by: Ed Chapin, Cathy Costigan, Mitch Firman, Kerri Fraser (minutes), Perzia Knight, Kirstie McNally (chair), Carlene Meilleur, Shannon Mycroft.

Teacher: Brian Anderson

Regrets: Paul Spelt, Elaina Mack, Melanie Palmer, Megan Seel, Andrew Sly, Jennifer Tuck

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

- Changes to agenda: Kirstie to chair, Kerri to take minutes. The approval of the agenda for tonight was motioned (Shannon) and seconded (Cathy).
- The approval of last meeting minutes from December was motioned (Shannon) and seconded (Cathy).

Treasurer's Report

- Account still sits around \$47000. Plant sale reconciliation and Purdy's still in progress - e-transfer just received from Growing Smiles, student account amounts can now be allocated. Purdy's cheque not yet received; student account amounts will be allocated once it is deposited. So far, all fundraisers have been very successful.
- Many incoming e-transfers; easier than managing cash and cheques. Will need to develop a system for tracking numerous pre-payments (for coffee) as it puts the bookkeeping behind the bank balance.
- **Action:** Shannon will provide more detailed information at next meeting.

Student Account Treasurer

- Andrew (not present); wrote earlier that all student accounts are up to date based on reported fundraising.

Fundraising

Coffee

- Transition to Google Forms for ordering - about 10 people tried this month. Much better than dealing with paper forms. Hopefully it will catch on and more parents will try it as it will greatly simplify the process. Fernwood has been really positive. Information about new ordering processes will be promoted in the Weekly Notes.

Musical Desserts:

- Musical Desserts - no action yet on planning. Carlene Meilleur took the lead last year on organizing the Silent Auction and volunteered to do so again this year - **thank you, Carlene!** She also mentioned that her sister, who helped last year with the food service, is willing to help out again. **Action:** Brian will provide updated information to Carlene regarding the venue, projected number of attendees, number of students participating in the music program (to update the 'ask letter' that is sent to potential donors. Carlene plans to start soliciting donations this week. **Action:** Kerri will pass on all other Musical Desserts coordination information from previous years - minimize the number of wheels being reinvented.

Teacher's Report

- Thank you as always to the parents for everything you do.
- Winter concerts - overall were very successful; positive feedback from students and audience. First concert was a bit 'clumsy,' logistically, probably due to not having a morning show to act as dress rehearsal. Grade 7s in particular would like to hold morning concerts in the spring. Brian and Paul discussed options; current idea is to have a Wednesday morning show (when Paul is available to help) with only grade 7s and 8s performing, and grade 6s would attend as spectators (with the rest of the students and staff). Would be hugely beneficial to have a few other adults/parent helpers for a morning concert.
- **Action (Kerri/Megan):** when seeking volunteers for Sounds of Spring, add call for help at morning show.
- From the band room - lots of new music in progress; students are having fun, asked for and received more challenging pieces. Orchestra and Firebirds Concert Band are tentatively registered for a festival in the second half of April - Greater Victoria Performing Arts festival at Oak Bay High. (BandFest at UVic is not happening this year.) Plan - walk over with parent chaperones, parent volunteers would drive equipment. Provides students the opportunity to work with different conductors and receive feedback from professional adjudicator. Budget for festival was \$1200 but for this event the fee is just shy of \$600 plus possible incidentals. Once event is approved more information will be shared. Practice records have resumed. Brian is providing a higher focus on teaching practice techniques during this term.
- Musical Desserts - auditions to start next week. Will be accepting 9-10 acts per grade. The event will take place at Oak Bay High - we have access from 3-10 PM. There will be a sound engineer so Brian can focus on the students. The venue seats 400 (minus seats reserved for performers to watch their peers) - significantly larger than the UVic theatre used in prior years. All open space around the theatre will be available for silent auction display, desserts. Unsure about access to other rooms (i.e. cafeteria, staff room); some logistics will need to be sorted (i.e. where water will come from).
- Spring Tour - planning is going really well, ahead of schedule. Chaperone meeting next week. Brian and Paul are discussing how to choose the special design for designated tour shirt (may have a democratic vote once designs are submitted). Google forms will come out soon for students to make meal choices, etc.
- Firebirds Concert band has started rehearsals - great attitude. Paul will be working with these students for the first time (has been exclusively with grade 6 so far this year); positive feedback, students have been very receptive.

New Business

- Morning concert revival - as discussed earlier.

PAC Report

- Perzia Knight has volunteered to act as PAC liaison. Was unable to attend last month but will provide a report to LMPA following the January PAC meeting.

Round Table

- No further discussion topics.

Cathy motioned to adjourn, Shannon seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.