

Minutes: Canterbury Music Parents Support Group

2015-10-01, Room 160

PRESENT

- Diana Hampson - co-chair
- Rosemary Baldwin - co-chair
- J'lene Bradley - previous co-chair
- Jason Sinkus – music department head
- Menaka Raguparan - treasurer
- Geoff Baskwill - secretary
- Sarah Pledge-Dickson - student co-chair
- Mackie Elliot - student co-chair
- Carolyn Clark - DVDs
- Clare Pelley - community member
- Marie-Christine - volunteer coordinator

REGRETS

- Tim Robillard
- Ian Douglas
- Mary de Souza Chan

MEETING BROUGHT TO ORDER AT 19:06

WELCOME – DIANA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER - VIA EMAIL AFTER THE MEETING

STUDENT UPDATE –SARAH & MACKIE

- Have had two meetings, going well
- Theme for Coffee House (7pm, Oct 21 in the cafeteria): Disney. Auditions 13-16th. Announcements go up Monday.
- Theme for Music Nights - TBD
- Sub social worked well, work on lineups & having more tables for snacks next year. Lots of leftovers on snacks.* Cake auction at the coffee house
- Question: where does the coffee come from for the coffee house?
Answer: last year it was by donation. Almost nobody actually drinks coffee at the coffee house. Starbucks does donations for non-profit. Could do juice boxes or hot chocolate instead because of the Disney theme.
- J'lene will reach out to Natalie
- Could use the school's percolator for heating water for hot chocolate.
- Need a cash-counting form from the website - Clare will send Sarah a copy.
- J'lene will also email Linda to ask if she will attend for FundScrip signups
- Ticket sales to Music Department (\$3/ea)

SCHOOL UPDATE – JASON

- Sub social went really well, good discussion at the student meeting afterwards
- Dresses and tuxes had lots of great help, all of the garments are in inventory and checked out to the students who have them.
- Things are moving forward with both senior trips: Disney is happy to have them, same for NYC; waiting on Board approval
- Performing on awards night on October 22 — senior concert band — not in tuxes
- Choir sang at the police memorial, some organizational difficulties but the performance went well
- Request just came in for the candlelight vigil November 4th at Centrepoint 3:30-8:30. Chamber choir.

- Shrek Musical rehearsals are ongoing
- Trying to keep things cleaner & neater this year, more organized using the inventory database.
- Very few people have paid the voluntary fee this year — this fee goes to the arts program in general, not directed to individual programs. Music tends to get more of the pot because of higher needs.
- General discussion that it would be a good idea to inform people about all the things that the fee pays for, for example coaching, master classes, and accompanists.
- Not saying what it will pay for, but rather what it has paid for in the past.
- Need to clarify that this is an annual fee, many parents may not know how much the program depends on everyone's contribution.
- Diana to send Ian an email asking about website updates.
- Question: What are our thoughts about lowering it to make it more accessible?
Answer: No. It's been \$250 for 7 years.
- Carpooling - is there a way to help facilitate carpooling. Winds at least do have the conversation in rehearsals. Teachers can't be involved due to Board restrictions and liability.
- Question: Is there any need for volunteers for Shrek? +Answer: We have teachers who are coordinating, we will need bake sale help. Contact Paul Griffin to help out with costumes. Friday and Saturday bake sale profits will come to the music parents for grad.
- Marie-Christine to email Craig Cudmore to get the volunteer information.

TREASURER'S REPORT - MENAKA

- No activity for the month of September.
- Will send out a report by end of day tomorrow.
- Same balance as last month.
- Waiting for the invoice on memory books - speak to Mary Desouza-Chan (Cadenza Committee chair with Clare Pelley)
- All of the money remaining from the grad committee is supposed to go to the music department.

- A number of cheques are outstanding — student reimbursements and student account reimbursements that have not been cashed. Cheques are void after 6 months.
- Tuxes \$4110.00 USD (estimate) + conversion + duty
- Dresses \$3094.xx US + conversion + duty. 38 dresses as approved via email vote prior to the meeting.
- Projected balance \$10 000 at the end of the month.

WEBMASTER – IAN(NOT PRESENT)

- need to do some work to re-vamp the site and update info
- Shrek, bottle drive, link calendar
- Rosemary to send email to Ian to follow up

BUSINESS

- Jason on behalf of music department, requested a new sound system be added to the wish list. He provided the rationale for the sound system:
 - have had some serious issues with the piecemeal sound system that we have
 - looking for an ultra-portable system that can withstand bus rides rugged “lunch-box” wireless standalone system other than to the microphones
 - keep the system up out of sight
 - record straight to USB or to computer
 - some basic sound effects but this is a mixing system
 - if it’s purchased by MPSG it would just be for the music department
 - interface with iPad or computer mixing software
 - powered speakers
 - built-in wifi access point with passcode security
 - up to 16 inputs
 - 1 year warranty
 - discussion: this would facilitate fundraising & DVD production
 - Fleet: \$4181.38 includes connectors

- Me Prod \$3793.98 + connectors
- music council was asked to give it consideration so that it could be purchased before coffee house (Oct 21).
- Consistent with school board policy, two quotes were sought. Quotes were received from Fleet and ME Prod.
- Music council discussed merits of system including the various systems available, costs and service. On balance, Fleet, while more expensive, offers better after-sales service.



Motion to purchase sound system from Fleet

Rosemary moved, J'lene seconded. Amount up to \$4500.00. Motion passed.

FUNDRAISING

- Fundscrip - Linda Cudmore
 - \$270.00 from the first order, 30 new supporters
- Citrus - Tim Robillard
 - Will be speaking in classes in November, delivery will be in early December
- Coffee-Natalie Dayneka and Matthew Webster
 - No update
- Cadenza Committee – Mary & Clare
 - All bag to earth bags have been sold. \$396.00.
 - Bottle drive 9th January (1st Saturday after return to school)
 - Want to put something on the website.
 - Menaka - Kanata
 - Marie-Christine - Glebe
- Refreshments for the musical — will buy water, would like grade 12s to do the baking since they will be the beneficiaries of the sales.
 - Marie-Christine to send out email to parents.
 - J'lene offered to help with the bake sale *Silent Auction- Gord Aitken

- Nothing at this point, that's for May Music Night
- Offer of an airplane city tour as a raffle prize at Music Night, proceeds to Cadenza, limit of 2-3 people(weight limitation)
- Basket raffle at the musical – proceeds to Cadenza
- Berries - Mary
 - Emailed the company, no response yet. Information from “Fern’s Frozen Fruit”
 - being considered for February

EVENTS

- Feeder School concert
 - Not happening — instead feeder schools are invited to musical dress rehearsal
- Musical
 - Under control, Paul (Drama) has volunteers
- Music Ensemble photo days
 - Pizza night right after all the tuxes & dresses are in
- Music Nights
 - 2 more meetings before Music Night. We have an MC — Marcie Campbell — jazz & R&B singer, drama parent.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS?

ADJOURN - 20:38. NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 5TH.