

## Music Parents Support Group Minutes – February 8, 2018

**Present:** Gord Aitken, Elizabeth Bryce, Linda Cudmore, Natalie Dayneka, Diana Hampson-Wilson, Joanne Harvey, Annegret Hayward, Karen Lawford, David Leech, Lorraine McCormack, Heather Monkman, Clare Pelley, Gina Robinson, Corie Seed, Jason Sinkus.

**Regrets:** Leah Cudmore, Marie Christine Ferraud, Sadie Graves, Leilani Schaefer.

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

- Approval of Minutes from January 11, 2018.
- MOTION: Moved by Clare and seconded by Linda that the Minutes be approved as corrected. Carried.

### 2. Student Update

- **Movie Social February 7:** 40-50 attended Monty Python's Holy Grail;
- **Memory Book** underway;
- Considering a second run of **music clothing** for spring.

### 3. Music Department Update (Jason)

- February 8 **Cuban Music Workshop** with Grade 12 winds
- **Italy Trip: Parents' Night** Wednesday April 4 (alternate March 28)
- **Music Festivals:** dates and times have been updated on website
- **Strings** NAC workshop at Ecole Secondaire de la Salle on Wed, February 14
  
- **After Hours Friday February 23 – 7:00 pm** St Josephs  
**Tickets** \$15 adults \$5 students – can be purchased online  
**Info needs posting on website and Facebook page**  
**Request for volunteers** (Linda will pass on to Marie Christine)
  - a. 4 choir marshals (to direct movement on and off stage)
  - b. 2 for ticket sales
  - c. 2-3 for bake table
  - d. Up to 5 (at least 2) for silent auction
  - e. 3 tickets scanners (might be students)
  - f. Ushers/programs (students)
  
- **Wish List:**  
**Vocal Retreat** site deposit due by end of May, Jason will bring definite figure for our consideration to next meeting for decision.  
**Oboe (?)**
- **Other:**
- **Auditions:** this week "call backs" to grade 8 for winds, vocal and strings are ready, applicants should hear by March Break; large number of applications, in spite of decreasing support for music from public schools.

- **“School Cash” - CHS is piloting Phase 2** – parents can register and choose method of payment later; not necessarily for MPSG, as our funds are kept separate; however, useful for Department and Arts’ Fees could be paid in installments.

#### 4. **Treasurer’s Report (Karen and David)**

- **Financial Update:** a healthy unallocated balance leaves room for wish list  
**Citrus** – still \$227.00 outstanding from sales, according to spread sheet; Gord will work with David and Colin to reconcile
- **Funds** from bottle drive deposited
- **Auditor** – David and Karen asked for criteria to assess prospective auditors
  - a. **MPSG** seeking someone with knowledge of school board criteria and practices;
  - b. some experience/sensitivity to volunteer organizations
  - c. Gord volunteered to coordinate hiring of auditor; several members had suggestions of prospective candidates.
  - d. Audit usually takes place in August, in preparation for September AGM

#### 5. **Music Support Group fundraising updates:**

- **Fundscrip:** (Nina) Earnings \$3384.00 so far this school year – request for cheque to be made \$2530.33 for student accounts/ \$846.00 for MPSG
- **Frozen Berries (Natalie):** Order forms must be in tomorrow (Feb 9) at lunch  
Natalie will place order with vendor, and be in contact with treasurers about payment. Natalie and Clare will pick up from vendor and deliver to customers on Feb 24, 11:00-12:30.  
Remind and Social Media messages on February 23. All proceeds to Cadenza.
- **Silent Auction (Annegret):** Requests to businesses can start immediately; Annegret is looking for suggestions about prospective donors, and has a form letter that can be used (ie. music related businesses, coaching from instrument teachers.)  
**Email to parents** asking for donations and notice on website in April.  
**Theme baskets** – It was suggested that each of the three streams of music prepare baskets (2 from each), to raise awareness about the silent auction and opportunity to donate.

#### 6. **Cadenza Committee (Clare, Joanne)**

Total fundraising so far \$3835.87, with goal of \$5000.00

- **Bottle Drive** \$521.95, with some still to be deposited
- **Memory Book** in progress

#### 7. **Social Media:**

- Information about number of views, analysis of how they find CHS Music  
Which pages do they go to?
  1. Home
  2. Contact
  3. Berries
  4. Fundraising

How active are Facebook and Twitter? Still growing, recent postings about Berry Fundraiser, Fundscrip.

**8. Other Business:**

- **More fundraising for student accounts:**  
**History** includes chocolate sales, Norcard  
**New Ideas:** Music/Busking for **Christmas Markets** at Lansdowne; **Epicure** selling spice mixes, Clare will follow up and get more details; **Other:** protein bars; popcorn; wreaths – have to be careful what can be sold at school with food supply agreements, healthy eating programs; access to storage, transportation of goods for sale.
- **CACDA – Canterbury Arts Centre Development Association** – we would be interested in having a representative meet with us. Linda has made contact and they are interested. They have had a charitable status, and would potentially use funds to refurbish seats in the auditorium, purchase grand piano, for example. Plans might include 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration concert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

**Next Meeting: March 1, 7:00 pm** in Music Room.