

Music Parent Support Group Minutes – Meeting January 12, 2017

Present: Gord Aitken, Rosemary Baldwin, Elizabeth Bryce, James Caswell, Carolyn Clark, Linda Cudmore, Natalie Dayneka, Marie-Christine Ferraud, Diana Hampson-Wilson, Joanne Harvey, Clare Pelley, Menaka Raguparan, Tim Robillard, Jason Sinkus, Janet Wilson, Cara Thompson

Regrets: Sara Raahemi

1. **Minutes** were approved as corrected, moved by Clare, seconded by Rosemary, carried.
2. **Student Update:** (Janet)
 - Upcoming social – Thursday, February 16, after school
 - Brainstorming fundraisers at council; both general and grad
 - Possibility of selling flowers at Music Nights
 - After Hours vocal program (March 4) needs parent volunteers
 - 2 Bake Sale
 - 2 silent auction
 - 6 scanning and sale tickets (2 entrances)
 - Student volunteers may also help
 - Treasurer Menaka also noted that music council has done excellent fundraising, very motivated
3. **School Update:** (Jason)
 - a. De-brief December **Music Night:**
 - Good experience, flowed smoothly
 - Photographers appreciated, next time ask for their 20 favourite shots, so there are not as many to be reviewed, posted
 - St Johns Ambulance, need to clarify number for seats
 - Enjoyed “alumni” MC
 - Start time, use cues like flashing lights in lobby, lowering lights in auditorium to get people seated on time, close doors at 6:50
 - b. **Wish list:**

Viola bows and cellos assessed, some repair and replacement needed.

MOTION: Clare moved and Rosemary seconded that we increase the amount from \$3500 previously proposed to \$4000 so that all the bows can be repaired and replace 2 unable to be repaired; 2 cellos can be purchased and all cellos repaired. Carried.
 - c. **Vocal Retreat:**

MPSG has expressed a desire to contribute annually to the vocal retreat. James suggested that contributing the deposit, which is due in June, would be most helpful. The proceeds from the After Hours (March 4) will also go towards Vocal Retreat. The recommendation is that MPSG commit to continue funding the deposit (approx.. \$4000.00) each year, with initial discussion to happen in January meeting and final amount to be confirmed in March.
 - d. **Lobby Concerts:**

They went well, and livestreaming was successful. The concerts are archived on the livestream channel, link available on the website.

e. **Auditions:**

Overall numbers applying for auditions for next year are down, but applicants for grade 10, 11 spots increasing. Possible causes include changes to bussing, decreasing support for arts programming at intermediate level from board/s.

f. **Grad trip:** May 17-19, Toronto.

g. **NAC Star Wars** concert a very good experience.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** (Menaka)

- Music Night Parents raised 1684.60, slight increase from 2015 – bake sale and drinks.
- Memory Books \$570.00
- DVDs \$1052.00 – most ordered online
- Cadenza raffle and bracelets \$583.25
- Citrus profits: parents \$906.00 and student accounts \$2439.35
- Music Council (students) – have raised \$680.00 this year already, total \$801.00.

5. **DVDs:** (Carolyn)

Are progressing, hopefully ready by mid-February (will give 2 weeks notice last call to order.)

6. **MPSG Fundraising:**

a. **Fundscrip:** (Linda)

With 9 order periods, we have raised \$200.00 more than 2015.

b. **Citrus:** (Tim)

Timing worked really well, \$1000.00 in orders at Music Night

Total sold: \$11,500.00; parents \$906.00 and student accounts \$2439.35

c. **Frozen Berries:** (Natalie)

Shipping to be ordered by Feb 10, cheque to be prepared.

Student orders must be in by February 7. Information will be posted online January 20 (pre-exams), with a blitz in school starting Jan 31.

Feb 25 (Sat): Order pick up at Ikea, 9:00 am; customer pick-up 11:00 – 12:30 staff parking lot.

Prices same as last year \$20 – blueberries; \$30 – raspberries; \$16 – cranberries.

\$4.00 mark-up on each.

Counting volunteers: Linda and Natalie

d. **Silent Auction:** (Gord)

119 days to go! Making contact with previous donors, some new donors already volunteered.

7. **Cadenza Committee update:** (Clare/Joanne)

- \$996.05 raised, with bottle drive and berries still to come;
- Bottle Drive has had a great response already \$399.20 received, and more drop-offs to bring in proceeds, a good fundraiser that draws from wider community
- Memory Book – Nina has been given Mary's 2015-2016 records

8. **Upcoming Events:**

- ***After Hours Concert*** – March 4, Christ Church Cathedral
10 parent volunteers needed
Diana has contact information for James and students
- ***Jazz Café*** – March 22, CHS
Combines Grade 12 Winds organizing project and Grade 10 “improv” project
Some parent volunteers will be needed to count cash.
- ***Grade 11 recital*** – March 29, First Baptist Church
Food service coordinated by Gord
Some volunteers will be needed.
- New Event! March 24 – ***Ignite 150***
1000 piece concert band, CHS concert band will participate
Location, details to be determined.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting: February 2, 7:00 pm.