

January 8, 2020  
Meeting

JCS Music Parents Association

General

Present

Heidi Wood, Instructor  
Victoria Scott, Instructor  
Gerilynne Pikett  
Mairin Beaulieu, new attendee [mairinbeaulieu@gmail.com](mailto:mairinbeaulieu@gmail.com)  
Patti Occeston  
Jo Crouch  
Kim Karwandy  
Debbie Rudd  
Patti Barnson  
Shelley Laboucane

Regrets

Vanessa Jollimore

Treasury update – Heidi Wood

Currently approximately \$12,000 in JCSMPA account

- \$7,000 MPA portion

- \$5,000 student travel credit portion

Breakdown of proceeds earned with fundraisers (approximates):

- \$5000 Cookie Dough (\$2000 MPA, \$3000 student credits)

- \$2000 Chickens (\$900 MPA, \$1100 student credits)

- \$160 Jazz concert

- \$3700 Winter concert (hall rental remains outstanding as no invoice rec'd yet, will be approx \$700)

- \$425.55 bottle drive at winter concert

Items for discussion:

- **How should the MPA portion be used**

ENRICHMENT

- MPA funds to be used for enrichment in the band and choir programs ie: needed equipment, guest clinicians/conductors (can run from \$400-\$800 a day), busing costs for future events.

- Going forward, prior to new school year beginning the MPA will request a "wish list" from instructors and determine what items can be covered and/or what fundraising efforts can be done for specific requests.

- Currently, Ms. Scott has identified speakers with stands and pick ups for double bass as needs for the band program.

-For the next meeting Ms. Scott & Ms. Wood will present their “wish lists” for their respective programs for this year.

-It was discussed that there should be some carry forward of funds in the MPA portion of the account from one year to the next – no amount had been decided and will be further discussed and a motion can be made at the next meeting.

#### ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN NEED

-teachers would help determine the need of families:

- have they done any fundraising?
- have they paid their fees thru the school?
- how much can they pay?

-currently there are 5 choir families & 6 band families identified as in need of subsidy this year

It was proposed that \$3000 from the MPA portion, could be earmarked for travel subsidy assistance this year. This will be further discussed and a motion to be made at the next meeting.

- **Should student travel credits be carried forward to following year(s):**

It was discussed that student credits should carry over from Grade 10 thru Grade 12. This allows a student to fundraise and accumulate credits for all years to offset costs on some of the more costly, larger trips.

At the end of Grade 12, should credit remain in a student account, that amount may be passed onto a siblings account or another student that the family has identified (ie: friend, relative). To discuss: if the credit is not passed onto another student account, the proceeds would go to the general MPA account.

The Treasurers will set up a tracking template to monitor the student credits.

This item will be open for discussion and motions at the next meeting.

- **Fundraising**

Further fundraising opportunities for this year: Coco Brooks – Feb Fill the Freezer  
Spolumbo’s – Feb Fill the Freezer  
Rebel Coffee – Feb Fill the Freezer  
Bedding out plants/May-June

To look at for future events: Mom’s Pantry

Gerilynnne will contact the suppliers for the February “Fill the Freezer” campaign. Information should be available to students asap to run the campaign for a 2 week period, beginning Feb 3/20.

Will need someone to secure information regarding the bedding out plants fundraiser.

Prior to end of this year, fundraising opportunities need to be in place for students to start at the beginning of September 2020. This will give them some time to earn credits toward choir/band camps in the fall.

An account for JCSMPA is set up at the Walden Bottle Depot. Families can drop off their bottles and advise that the proceeds are to be credited to the JCSMPA account.

- **Concert venue locations**

The Winter concert was a success, but with the size of both programs the space at Southview Alliance Church may not be large enough going forward. Approximately 515 seats set out and most were used.

Thoughts on other venues:

First Alliance Church – while bigger, the lack of acoustics is a negative

Bella Theatre – not enough seating

Jubilee – great venue for location and size, but very pricey (perhaps look at the possibility of securing sponsors to cover the cost)

It is important to keep at least one inclusive concert where all of the music students are performing together and seeing what music ensembles are available ie: some students only found out there was a vocal jazz group after seeing them perform at the winter concert

Next meeting Thursday Jan 29 at 6pm choir room