

Joane Cardinal-Schubert Music Parents Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Apr 14, 2021

In Attendance: Shelley Laboucane, Natalie Olson, Laurel Ross, Heidi Wood, Victoria Scott, Gerilynne P, Patti Bamson

Regrets Received: Patti Occleston, Jennifer English

Virtual Meeting (via Google Meet) called to order by Shelley Laboucane at 6:32 pm

- Shelley welcomed attendees.
- Motion to accept Minutes from Mar 10/21 - Motion to accept by Patti B, seconded by Laurel Ross. Passed.

Financial Report (Gerilynne Pickett)

\$ 13321.25 in the account at the end of March. \$42 US for Smart music licenses for Victoria Scott spent today.

- Shelley to be working on a budget later in the year. Looking at ATB for fees and will contact them in the next month for more info. Signing authorities will change next year.

Fundraising (Gerilynne Pickett)

Student Travel Credits

Graduating students (Shelley L) - Class of 2021. Do we want to get medallions for them to mark the occasion? If we have the budget for them, it will be a great way to celebrate the students moving on. We will have to determine whether this is a precedent we want to set. Do we include the HUB students as well? The total cost of medallions, ribbons, and engraving are less than \$6 each. Patti Bamson is willing to make arrangements and place the order. Patti B made a motion to purchase the medals, Gerilynne seconded. Approx 62 medallions @ \$6 each. Motion passed.

Music Directors' Report (Mrs. Wood, Ms. Scott)

Victoria Scott - We just keep on, keeping on. Moving to online for the next 2 weeks. Puppy pads are adequate. Thanks for the additional Smart music seats to accommodate all students. Grade 12s are working on a Grad video piece. Gr 11s are happy campers and sight reading lots of music. Working on lots of fun music! Gr 10s are working on lots, coming out of their shells and personalities are coming out. Not much of an appetite of a festival experience this year. The kids are happy to be together! Gr 12s are looking for a commemorative music hoodie - can we collect funds via the MPA if the students collaborate on a design?

Heidi Wood - In the classroom, all are working on recording but Covid restrictions have frustrated that process. Concert choir hopes to record a Grad tune. Chamber choir is working on a CADME / Luminous voices project and will give some pointers on their performances.

Jazz festival tomorrow. Our groups are the only Canadian group participating!! Lots of really cool groups! There are still a few exciting things online to be part of.

- A student accompanist is helping lots! Naomi is helping out lots and has been a huge help! 5 ensembles. How can we compensate her or show our appreciation? Let's think on it for the next month and determine what we can do in these atypical circumstances.
- Honor choir. Is there a scholarship or a way we can support these students doing further studies? When we know if the students have been accepted or not, we will make a decision.
- K-6 Curriculum draft: It has some big errors and omissions and is not educationally sound. Parents need to speak up as their voices are heard louder than teachers' voices are. Have a look at the document. The document needs to be scrapped as there is so much wrong with it. Parents are urged to review document and send feedback to the government.
- Next year: Enrollment is very low for and jeopardizes the program. Mr Tink is going to do his best to keep the course viable. The registration process does not show concert choir enrollment. Jazz ensembles are quite small by design and they balance the typically larger concert choir numbers. Heidi has been asked to determine over the next few weeks how many students will commit to be in concert/ chamber choirs in the fall. The best way to recruit is through other students. Covid restrictions are making the recruiting process next to impossible. Looking for ways to advertise and get the word out to feeder Jr high students.

New Business – no new business.

Move to Close meeting: 7:26 pm by Natalie Olson (Shelley had technical difficulties)

Next Meetings: May 12,21 @ 6:30pm June 9, 2021 @ 6:30pm