

Joane Cardinal-Schubert Music Parents Association
Monthly Meeting Minutes
May 12, 2021

In Attendance: Shelley Laboucane, Natalie Olson, Jennifer English, Laurel Ross, Heidi Wood, Victoria Scott,

Regrets Received: Patti Bamson, Gerilynn Pickett

Virtual Meeting (via Google Meet) called to order by Shelley Laboucane at 6:33 pm

- Shelley welcomed attendees.
- Will wait to approve Minutes from April 14, 2021 until we have enough people.

Financial Report (Shelley Laboucane)

- a. **Current summary** – no changes
- b. **Budget** – Shelley working on it
- c. **New banking** – will have details in August and look to make a move if feasible after the next board of directors is appointed to incorporate new signing authorities
- d. **Any outstanding balances to be paid** – Reimburse Gerilynn for additional Smart Music seats
- e. **Student Honorarium:** to thank Naomi Blum, Grade 11 student who has given many hours of volunteer time during her spares to accompany the Choral program. \$100 or \$150 Gift. Natalie proposed increasing to a \$300 honorarium to recognize Naomi's time and preparation. Card and thank you card from MPA. To make a motion via email as there weren't enough in attendance today.

Fundraising (Shelley Laboucane)

- a. No further fundraising this year. Prep for next year.

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

Heidi Wood - Choir numbers: It's been a busy couple of weeks as students have been helping to nominate potential students for next year. Lots of communication with Middle schools and music teachers to plant seeds. Recruitment is tricky as course selection has largely already happened. There are about 45 enrolled currently. Students are still helping to recruit and Heidi has reached out to contact all those whose names have been suggested. Heidi has spoken to Mr. Tink about improving our presence on the school website and showcase what the students have been doing in music. Hopefully, the music, arts and sports programs will be valued as budget decisions are made to ensure that they can grow over the coming years. We will need the school's support.

I'm hoping that the concert choir can get together to rehearse in person before year end. Three weeks would be a gift! It would be so wonderful to just have the kids together in person again! We have permission to have students in one on one to come in to audition for solo parts and get extra help.

Bursaries for summer workshops - Are there any students in need?

- There are 4-6 who have auditioned for the honor choir. Ages 16-25. Aid for these types of things is something to consider down the road. Perhaps to consider on a case by case basis.

Victoria Scott - Just wishing we could have the kids in person to make music together. It is very challenging to be dynamically expressive online. Much harder to listen to each other in the same way. They are working on some interesting projects, like instructional videos for beginner musicians. They are awesome! Kids are investigating what is going on in the music world despite Covid restrictions. There are varying degrees of engagement. 4 students were involved in the Alberta Honor band and premiered a new piece of music last week. Gotta promote the arts!

Would be good to have some better communication between parent society and music parents society to help keep us on the same page. Shelley will send an email to JCS parents society to coordinate.

2021 Graduating students - Patti B updated via email

I have ordered the following:

Total of 55 graduates. (Thanks Heidi and Victoria for the lists)

The list includes band, choir and hub students.

Black and Gold neck ribbon

Engraving on the back

JCS Music

Student Name

Class of 2021



The total cost will be \$303.30

The medals will be ready next week. The company is just waiting for the medals to arrive in store. Once I have the medals, I will contact Victoria/Heidi to make arrangements to drop them off at the school. (Ideally, they would be presented in person.)

Move to Close meeting: 7:19 pm by Shelley Laboucane

Next Meeting June 9 2021 6:30pm Google Meet