

Sept 9, 2020

JCS Music Parents Association

General Meeting/ Google Meet

Present

Victoria Scott, Band Director

Heidi Wood, Choral Director

Gerilynne Pikett

Glenda Shufelt

Shelley Laboucane

Regrets: Kim Karwandy, Patti Bamson, Vanessa Jollimore

Meeting opened at 6:35 pm

Agenda:

1. Financials
2. AGM/ Executive
3. Society application update
4. Chicken fundraiser update
5. Website link/hoodies/buckets
6. What the music programs need right now
7. New business

Financials

A meeting had been set by Kim & Gerilynne to meet at Scotiabank, but they require a letter from the school indicating the names to be added and removed. Victoria will meet with Gary and have the following drafted: Add Gerilynne Pickett, Shelley Laboucane, Patti Occleston as signing authorities. Remove Jo Crouch and Hazel.

Meeting scheduled at Cranston Scotiabank at 3pm Friday Sept 11/20.

A check to Patti B for reimbursement for the medallions needs to be written.

Going forward all banking information/changes should be made in the spring prior to the new school year start to avoid issues. Covid-19 has thrown a kink into the organization of the year.

Need a Financial Summary prior to the AGM.

AGM/Executive

What do we need in place for that-

Financials

Executive

What the role of the MPA is

Directors will talk about the MPA and the usefulness of having a parent association
 Need to have some of the Executive positions filled prior to the AGM.
 4 Directors – President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and 2 members at large (minimum requirement). May have up to 12 members.

Vanessa J. will be stepping down from President to focus on her health, but is available to consult and support the MPA. She has a wealth of knowledge and we appreciate her contributions.

Glenda S. no longer has a student in the music programs, so will not be in a board role, but is willing to continue to support the MPA. We are grateful for the time and effort you continue to give to establishing the MPA.

Shelley will send email to current members to confirm who will be returning in what positions and confirm attendance at the AGM on Sept 23rd as we require quorum to hold.

Shelley will send out an email to those parents registered on MailChimp regarding the AGM.

Glenda will do up a letter to parents to send out via the music directors to solicit support for the MPA – illustrating the need for support during this strange year/be a part of creating a legacy for the music programs.

Glenda volunteered to put together an AGM agenda.

Gerilynn will send Glenda a copy of the bylaws she has to include in the AGM (will need to verify with Vanessa that this is the final draft).

Society application update

As the check for the original application has not yet been cashed, it seems that the application had not been received.

Heidi will reach out to Vanessa for a copy of the original application, so that we may update it and resubmit.

Chicken Fundraiser update

To date no band email to parents has gone out, so they are not aware of the fundraiser.

Choir has sent the info out. An email will go out this week from both to promote the fundraiser – orders are due Tuesday 15th. Gerilynn will contact Teresa to see if we are okay to continue with the fundraiser seeing that our numbers are going to be significantly lower this year.

Question being asked ‘why are we fundraising if we aren’t going on any trips’: Right now we need to fundraise for enrichment to the music programs. In the future, fundraising will once again earn Student Travel Credits. See notes below for how the MPA is supporting the music programs this year.*

Website link/hoodies/buckets

The website is live and updated with the chicken fundraiser information and a registration for parents to complete to be emailed information from the MPA regarding events/volunteer/fundraising.

At present time, we will not pursue having a link added to the schools website, but will revisit later in the year.

Victoria will check if the supplier she used for the hoodies last year would still be able to do them.

Patti B is working on securing the 'percussion' buckets for the programs.

What are the music program needs now:

The music directors have the following 'asks' to maintain engaging and meaningful opportunities in band and choir:

Choir - Breezin' Thru Theory online music theory program - cost for 65 students approx \$850

- Soundtrap - digital workstation \$385

Band - Breezin' Thru Theory online music theory program - cost for 115 students approx \$1500

- Smart Music-music learning software - cost for 115 students approx \$3000

The cost of the above requests is approx \$5735 CAD.

To facilitate the above enrichments for the music program, the \$3000 set aside in the MPA Subsidy Fund last year (2019-2020) as per March 3/20 minutes, would be reallocated to the MPA Enrichment Fund.

The remaining expense would come from the general MPA account; as per March 3/20 minutes the MPA portion of the account (does not include student travel credits) was \$7503.07.

Fulfilling the request leaves the MPA balance at approx \$1768.07.

A motion was made by Shelley Laboucane to reallocate the subsidy funds to enrichment and provide funding to purchase the required programs for choir and band up to \$6000.00.

2nd by Gerilynne Pickett

A special email will be sent tonight to the current members to respond yes/no. This is a time sensitive issue.

It is important to do what needs to be done now, as the future is uncertain. Noting that if circumstances suddenly change, the MPA will not be in a position to offer much in the way of subsidy.

Music Program Fees

The music directors are required to submit their fee schedules tomorrow. It is important for them to know that the MPA will be able to support them in their program requests. We will advise them of the outcome of the email vote.

The fee structures will look different this year; they will be less than last year with the understanding that if there is anything left at year end it will be reimbursed back to families.

Choir programs:

Concert Choir – last year \$250 down to \$100 this year	\$150 will be the cost for most choir students
Jazz – last year \$85 down to \$50 this year	(those also in Jazz will be \$200)
10,20,30 - last year \$85 down to \$50 this year	

Fees will be used to cover accompaniment fees (will be recording the tracks that will be used); percussion equipment; editing for video finale

Band programs:

Concert Band - last year \$225 down to \$100 this year \$150 will be the cost for band students

10,20,30 - last year \$75 down to \$50 this year

Jazz (date TBD) would be \$50

Fees will be used to cover virtual editing; virtual workshops/clinics; percussion equipment

New Business

AGM details are still in the works. Set for Sept 23 2020.

Meeting closed at 7:54pm

Next meeting Sept 23rd AGM – google meet