

Edmonton String Players Association (E.S.P.A) - General Meeting

Time Sunday January 25^h 2015 (2:30pm - 4:30pm)
Call to Order 2:40 pm
Adjourned 4:28 pm
Location Café Blackbird
Next Meeting TBD

Attendees

Brent Gustafson	Annette Gustafson	
Sunita Coloma	Alline Cromier	Jaclyn Graham
Carolyn Dagenais	Petar Dundjerski	

Agenda Item	
1. Introduction of all Attendees	- Round table introduction
2. Approval of Agenda	- Approved by Alline, seconded by Annette, all in favor
3. Approval of minutes from Jan 11 th	- Approved by Alline, seconded by Annette, all in favor

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<p>4. President's Report</p>	<p>Volunteer Deposit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 52 volunteers actively working this season - We surpassed our volunteer goal of 10% per students registered - Motion to revisit idea of returning volunteer deposits at end of season - Idea of charging \$350 total for orchestra with an option to return \$150 upon completion of 2 volunteer duties - Motion to adopt model for 2015-2016 season for orchestra only fees will be paid upfront with potential to return a volunteer bond fee for completion of 2 volunteer opportunities by ESPA members - Approved by Brent, seconded by Alline, all in favor <p>Orchestra Composition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two thoughts - First option is to keep current model of 4 orchestra's as outlined below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junior - 1-2 - Intermediate - 3 - 4 - Senior - 5-6 - Singing Strings - 7 - 10 - For an orchestra we need a minimum of 6 1st violins and 6 2nd violins, any number of viola, 3 Cello's and at least one base (roughly 20 in total) - Second option is to move to 3 orchestra's - Motion to audition all students prior to placing in orchestra level, auditions in May as scheduled with all conductors present, - Approved by Alline, seconded by Sunita, all in favor <p>Orchestra Fees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will look at various models, but like the standard fee model of pay in advance and return of volunteer refund. <p>Program Director:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review the CIP Grant to determine the responsibilities for the program director, if we get the grant then we will be ready to post the position - AFA funding - we didn't get the funding this year due to prior EPSB connections which were no longer existing. Can reapply for next year now that we have full completed season operating fully independently. - Would like to meet with Casino chair and AGLC to see how to move from the B list to the A list for casino. - Brent to contact CC for casino movement
<p>5. Treasurer Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update

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6. Administrator's report	<p>Annette</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feb 3rd concert - Annette to get the song list to Carolyn - Kiwanis - Applications are getting filled out next week, need song list to Annette from conductors <p>Brent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - January 26th is the concert of Senior violin with Christina Jang - Feb 2nd and Feb 16th - Professional development days for EPS - Feb 21st - Mini concert for Viola concert at Carnarvon - School tour in May is going as planned - 2015-2016 planning is minimum 6 players to a group class - Michael Zackary will come back to teach next year, some other teachers want to take on more - Feb 10th - Petar's class will be moving to another locations due to venue - Two computer programmers will troubleshoot new database to be ready for 2015-2016 season - Annette to provide Carolyn with database of students for her records - Chamber Music Program - 5 auditions already planned, it will be with Guillaume Tardif. - Carolyn to send out an announcement to all parents for the chamber program
7. Teacher Report	- No update
8. Advertising and Publicity Committee	- No update
9. Alumni Committee	- No update
10. Fundraiser Committee	- No update

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11. Abuse Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update
12. Tours and Concerts Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bennett Center follow up: - Brent meeting with volunteers to see how it went - Alline received a comment from one of the volunteers providing some feedback. - Group Class concerts Feb 3rd - Already discussed above - Orchestra Extravaganza May 28th - Brent will look for venue because McDougall is full. Hosanna Lutheran church is a possibility as they are very affordable, need to look at acoustics - End of year concert for SSO - Brent looking for venue - Winterfest 2015 - Still looking for venue - National Arts Center - In Ottawa for next tour. AFA grants can fund some of this for in Canada tours.
13. Website Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update
14. Bingo Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update
15. Casino Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update
16. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bowling opportunity - Feb 22nd (2:00 - 4:00)- Take orchestra kids bowling, all paid for by MEP - Alline researched and price is roughly \$9.50 - \$10.00 per child. - Motion to approve bowling opportunity with the kids of orchestra - Approved by Alline, Jackie seconded, all in favor - T-shirts - Motion to order 20 adult shirts - Approved by Alline, seconded by Jackie, all in favor
17. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update

Meeting adjourned at 4:28 by Brent seconded by Sunita all in favour

Tabled Items

Item No.	Date Logged	Item

Action Items

Item No.	Date Logged	Description	Action Item Owner	Completion Date
1	09/25/14	1. Sunita to create a listing of all members of the ESPA once the registrations are finalized	Sunita	In progress
2	11/06/14	2. Brent to email Carolyn about rental space	Brent	In progress
3	11/06/14	3. Mandy to email Laura info on how the Bingo is set up	Mandy	In progress
4	12/07/14	4. Carolyn to follow up on rental space from Brent's contact	Carolyn	In progress
5	12/07/14	5. Carolyn to check into Fort Edmonton Park location for Feb group concerts	Carolyn	In progress
6	01/11/15	6. Annette to give interest card to Carolyn and Angela	Annette	In Progress
7	01/11/15	7. Carolyn to create tri fold for corporate sponsorship program	Carolyn	In Progress
8	01/11/15	8. Alline to email marketing committee to get together and create a sponsorship	Alline	In Progress
9	01/11/15	9. Carolyn to send Alline info on Alumni committee	Carolyn	In Progress
10	01/11/15	10. Sunita to find out how to get auto receipts for online donations	Sunita	In Progress
11	01/11/15	11. Carolyn looking into booking Convocation Hall for Dec 13 th Winterfest	Carolyn	In Progress