

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

Date: Saturday, October 17th

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 10:15 a.m.

Adjourned: 1:00 p.m.

Location: MEP office (210, 11803 125St)

Next Meeting: AGM, Saturday, October 24th, 10a.m. U of A Fine Arts Building 1-29

### Attendees:

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| Carolyn Dagenais | Anna Lu    | Annette Gustafson | Patricia Estabrooks |
| Helene Butler    | Jake Saito | Alline Cormier    | Leah Flemmer        |
| Mickey Cameron   |            |                   |                     |
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| Agenda Item                                    |  |
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| 1. Introduction of all Attendees               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Round table intro</li> </ul>  |
| 2. Approval of Agenda                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to approve agenda by Alline seconded by Helene, all in favour.</li> </ul>  |
| 3. Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion to adopt minutes for August 15, Alline motioned, Helene seconded, all in favour.</li> </ul>  |
| 4. President's Report                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Next Networking meeting will be hosted by U of A.</li> <li>● Helene Butler is added to ESPA. She will be added to banking and Sunita will be removed.</li> <li>● Looking for candidates: Allen Jones, Christine Tusdzik</li> <li>● From now on we will ask for parent volunteers at all concerts</li> </ul> |

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| <p>5. Vice-President's Report</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Christmas concert will be Dec. 13th</li> <li>● 19 T-shirts sold and paid for.</li> <li>● Halloween party for Junior, Senior and Intermediate orchestras. Organized by Ted.</li> <li>● From Windspear: 20 tickets 3 times a year for MEP students.</li> <li>● Alline is organizing a Side-by-side with Yona kids and SSO.</li> <li>● We will look into inviting YONA kids to Bennett Centre.</li> <li>● Windspear will invite MEP to Bike to the Winspear concert in June.</li> <li>● Need more cellos for chamber ensembles.</li> <li>● \$300 raised through Fundscrip campaign.</li> <li>● Edmonton Arts Council will direct newcomers to our program.</li> <li>● Intermediate ensemble lost a student to AB College's orchestra.</li> <li>● For Bennett Centre, schedule being drafted. Guillaume Tardif suggested inviting Wayne Toews as our guest conductor. Someone from Winspear suggested Daniel Gervais for our fiddle workshop.</li> </ul> |
| <p>6. Administrator's Report</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● .As of Oct.17 we have approximately 361 students registered.</li> <li>● 2015-2016 event calendars have been circulated, trying to ensure there are no conflicts with the school tours.</li> <li>● Annette is preparing Teacher Binders and Parent Handbooks. They will be handed out at teacher meeting.</li> <li>● MEP instructor, who plays with the ESO, will need a sub for 15 classes.</li> </ul>   |

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|                                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MEP instructor will need a sub for 6 classes.</li> <li>• 8 students are registered for the handbell choir.</li> <li>• No bingos are scheduled. 9 volunteers are needed for each bingo.</li> <li>• A 2<sup>nd</sup> class space is needed for guitar instruction.</li> </ul>   |
| 7. Artistic Coordinator's Report  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moral of teachers low. Some have not been payed.</li> <li>• Teachers don't take attendance.</li> <li>• Need better trained teachers.</li> <li>• Combining level 1 and 2 is a mistake.</li> <li>• We need to pick host schools where the music teacher is on board.</li> <li>• Host schools are too spread out.</li> <li>• Patricia will meet with conductors to try to solve the orchestra problem..</li> </ul> |
| 8. Instrument Technician's Report | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nov. workshops to teach kids how to care for their instrument and for parents to get info.</li> <li>• No budget left.</li> <li>• There are many missing violins.</li> </ul>   |
| 9. Treasurer's Report             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>  |
| 10. Tours and Concerts Committee  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Royal Alberta Museum will be used for the Christmas concert. There is an extra fee of \$300.</li> <li>• Patricia has offered to be the piano accompanist at all concerts.</li> <li>• Jackie: parents want to use City Hall for concerts.</li> </ul>   |
| 11. Fundraising Committee         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundscrip raised \$300.</li> <li>• Brent: Do we want to sell sausages again? Tabled to a later date.</li> </ul>   |
| 12. Website Committee             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leah would like to make a separate Instruments tab (page) including information on maintenance for the website.</li> </ul>  |
| 13. Alumni Committee              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carolyn will send Alline the survey used previously.</li> </ul>   |
| 14. Abuse Committee               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Virginie Closson will be running an abuse session at</li> </ul>   |

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|                      | the end of September at Victoria School of the Arts on a Thursday.   |
| 15. Action Items     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Leah will run an instrument workshop.</li> <li>● Perhaps ASA could be approached about funding the Grande Prairie tour? Tabled to a later date.</li> <li>● Carolyn will print Fundscrip forms to hand out at orchestra rehearsal on Thursday (copies donated by her husband's law firm).</li> <li>● Leah will draft an Instruments tab, and Alline will post on website.</li> <li>● Carolyn will send Alline the alumni survey used previously.</li> <li>● Alline and Patricia chosen to attend the Stakeholders meeting at Concordia.</li> </ul> |
| 16. Closing Comments | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion for meeting to be adjourned by Alline, seconded by Helene, all in favor</li> </ul>   |

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

**Tabled items:**

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| 1. Invite the YONA Systema kids to join the MEP orchestras for an evening of playing together. |
| 2. Sausage sale for fundraising.   |

**Action items:**

| Description of Action:  | Action Item Owner | Completion Date |
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| 1. Add Helene Butler to ESPA banking and have Sunita will be removed. |                   |                 |
| 2. Hand out Teacher Binders and Parent Handbooks at teacher meeting.  | Annette           |                 |
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| 5. T-shirt pre-sale form.  | Alline  |  |
| 6. Talk to Danielle about inviting the Edmonton Metropolitan Orchestra to join the Intermediate and Senior orchestras for a rehearsal. | Alline  |  |
| 7. Drop off remaining MEP mugs at the new office.  | Alline  |  |
| 8.   |         |  |
| 9. Make more bookmarks and practice books.   |         |  |
| 10. Pay the Royal Alberta Museum invoice.  |         |  |
| 11. Send Alline the alumni survey used previously.   | Carolyn |  |
| 12. Print Fundscrip forms.   | Carolyn |  |
| 13. Draft an Instruments tab.  | Alline  |  |
| 14. Post instrument tab on website.  | Alline  |  |