

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

Date: Saturday January 9th, 2016

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

Call to Order: 10:20 a.m.

Adjourned: 1:15 p.m.

Location: MEP office (210, 11803 125St)

Next Meeting: Sunday, February 14th, 2:30-5pm. MEP office (210, 11803 125 Street, Edmonton)

Attendees:

Alan Jones	Annette Gustafson	Patricia Estabrooks	
Helene Butler	Christine Twardzik	Leah Flemmer	

Agenda Item		
1. Introduction of all Attendees		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Round table intro
2. Approval of Agenda		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion to approve agenda by Helene seconded by Christine. Carried.
3. Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2015		<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Motion to adopt minutes for December 20th, Helene motioned, Christine seconded. Carried.

<p>4. President's Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AGLC has clarified the rule that we can't have a voting executive director. ● Next Classical Music Networking Meeting will be in February at the U of A. ● As we still have no copier, Alan will get the contact information from Brent.
<p>5. Administrator's Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSO will use Convocation Hall to rehearse on Jan. 19th and 26th. There will be no charge from the U of A. Patricia will talk to Petar to make sure he lets parents know. ● From now on, Alan will have the mail key. He will pick up the mail downtown and bring it to Annette on Thursday nights. ● An e-mail will be sent out to parents about auditions. They will be held on the first two orchestra rehearsals of the new year.
<p>6. Artistic Coordinator's Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Patricia shared the contact information of the FASE program and encouraged all to check out their facebook page. ● Patricia is working on finding a time and venue for the Bornoff training seminar for the teachers to attend over the summer. ● The AB homeschooling conference is on April 8-9th in Red Deer. A booth costs \$175. We are considering going but no motion was made.

<p>7. Instrument Technician's Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leah will establish office hours and publish them. ● Leah has made a diagram to help us define each position of MEP. No motion was made. ● A motion was made to have the teachers submit their own timesheets by Christine and it was seconded by Alan. CARRIED Leah and Patricia will inform the teachers.
<p>8. Treasurer's Report</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A motion was made by Helene to approve financial statement. Christine seconded. CARRIED
<p>9. Tours and Concerts Committee</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feb. 1st is the deadline for Kiwanis Festival. Teachers and conductors need to decide if they will participate. ● May 16-19th: Concordia - Tegler Hall for class year-end concerts. ● The Feb. 3rd and 4th class concert at Concordia will be cancelled if there is not enough interest from the teachers. Patricia will survey the teachers at the next teacher meeting.
<p>10. Advertising Committee</p>		
<p>11. Casino Committee</p>		

12. Bingo Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motion to appoint Martin as our bingo chair person by Alan and Christine seconded. Carried. ● Next bingo is next Tuesday.
13. Fundraising Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In Feb. volunteers will sell chocolates at Save-On-Foods. Annette will pick up chocolates and oversee this fundraiser.
14. Website Committee		
15. Alumni Committee		
16. Abuse Committee		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The committee chair needs letters with logo for potential instructors to present to police so they can request a police clearance.
17. Additional business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Leah and Annette will look into writing a grant application for AB Foundation for the Arts (AFA) with the help from a parent from the beginner orchestra. ● We are going ahead with the March 19th Spring Saturday Workshop at the Argyle Community Hall. Christine will take care of paying for the venue (8am-5pm). A motion was made to budget \$1300 for this workshop and to charge \$40 per child by Helene, Christine seconded and it was carried.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion was made by Christine to buy a \$40 gift card for the departing executive director. It was seconded by Alan.
16. Closing Comments		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved Helene/Seconded Christine to adjourn. CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, February 14th @ 2:30 p.m. at the M.E.P. Office

Tabled items:

Orchestra restructure and possible name changes
Spring fundraiser
Deposit checks for volunteer work: who and how much?