

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

Date: Saturday, September 17th, 2016

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

Call to Order: 10:10 p.m.

Adjourned: 12:05 p.m.

Location: MEP office (210, 11803 125St)

Next Meeting: AGM Oct. 1st, 2016, 10:00am MEP office (210, 11803 125 Street, Edmonton)

Attendees:

Alan Jones	Dean Twardzik	Patricia Estabrooks	Jackie Power
Helene Butler	Christine Twardzik	Mickey Cameron	Gabriele Thielmann
Martin Kopchia	Catherine Kopchia		

### 1. Approval of the agenda.

Need to add Jackie Power's comments as an addendum after the approval of the minutes.

Helene moved, Catherine seconded, carried.

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the August 15th meeting.

Christine motioned to approve the August 15th minutes. Helene seconded and it was carried.

### 3. Jackie Power (violin teacher)

Jackie has two violin classes that are level 3-4 but only has 3 or 4 students in each class. Jackie prefers that these classes not be cancelled because they have fewer than 6 students each (estimated financial break even point). Martin motioned that in cases where there are insufficient

enrolment the teachers and staff at their discretion can make a decision to provide the option for parents of having a 40 minute lesson at \$222 for the year. Christine seconded. It was carried. Discussion on the length of lessons is tabled.

#### **4. Associate membership fees**

Alan motioned that the executive can grant certain community members to join the association with a fee of \$10 per year. It was seconded by Catherine and carried. We are hoping that this will encourage new volunteers. Patricia presented a list of individuals who may be interested in becoming associate members.

#### **5. Instrument rental policy**

Martin motioned that going forward the summer rental of instruments will be a separate transaction. And renters will be expected to bring their instruments back between May 31st and June 5th for inspection. Helene seconded. Christine amended the motion by adding that this is only available for returning students. The motion was carried as amended.

Patricia is working on fixing the cellos as we have so many students taking cello this year.

The price of instrument rental will be reviewed in January.

#### **6. Restructuring of 2016-1017 schedule**

As discussed with Jackie, we are aiming for a minimum of 6 students per class and classes with fewer students may be able to continue for a shorter duration. Patricia, teachers and parents are cooperating in making a schedule that works for all.

#### **7. Financial update and fiscal year end**

We have \$92 314.42 in general account and \$74 070.18 in casino/bingo account. Vivian is still working on account and will soon have a report.

#### **8. Fundraising and grants**

Tabled

#### **9. Instructor/Conductor update**

Tabled

**10. AGM**

Parents will be invited by receiving an email and a handout during orchestra and from their teachers.

Meeting will be held on Saturday October 1st at 10am at the the office, light refreshment provided.

**10. Student workshops 2016-2017**

Tabled

**11. Adjournment & next meeting**

The next meeting is the AGM on Oct. 1st at 10am

Adjourned at 12:05pm