

# March Meeting Minutes



Type of Meeting: General  
 Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players  
 Association  
 Date: March 8, 2019  
 Time: 10:00am  
 Location: #210, 11803 125 Street

ATTENDEES			
Sherlynn Der	Christine Mercier	Joanne MacDonald	Augustine Wong
Patricia Estabrooks	Sheila Albrecht	Brian Dunsmore	Christine Daum
Jack Mah	Jingyi Ao	Michelle Guo	Chien Fang Yu
Yun Mao	Christina Hydamaacka-Rust	Marie deBorja	Sul-Ah Kim
Fang Yang	Holly McCabe		

MINUTES	
<b>CALL TO ORDER: 10:07AM</b>	
<b>1. Introductions</b>	Round Table
<b>2. March Agenda Approval</b>	Motion: Brian Dunsmore Second: Christine Daum
<b>3. Minutes Approval- February 2, 2019</b>	Motion: Jack Mah Second: Christina Hydamaacka-Rust
<b>4. Report – President</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <b>Kiwanis Music Festival:</b> MEP classes and Orchestras will be performing Sunday, April 28 at McEwan Alberta College (PCL Hall), 10050-Macdonald Drive. Performance times are:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christina Jang’s violin class:</b> Level 3 @ 1:00pm Level 4 @ 1:20pm Level 5 @ 1:45pm Level 6 @ 2:10pm</li> <li><b>Orchestras:</b> Level 2 @ 2:40pm Level 3 @ 3:20pm SSO @ 4:30pm</li> </ul> </li> <li> <b>Casino May 29 &amp; 30:</b> All daytime shifts have been filled but 10 evening spots are still vacant each evening, for a total of 20 spots. Please use word of mouth to help people know that we need help. There are some free parking spots and MEP will also reimburse volunteers for parking or transportation such as taxi, uber or transit. There are security personnel that can escort people to their vehicles at night. A free meal will be provided for volunteers and no previous experience is needed as training will be done on site.                             </li> </ul>	Sherlynn Der

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If we don't do Casino event, MEP will be fined. The revenue from casino is \$80,000, so registration fees will need to go up (probably triple). MEP will be blacklisted and not able to do casinos in the future. We need parents to recruit friends, family members, etc. Brian suggests a personal letter to each individual. Sherlynn reminded that we need support from everyone, not just those who have not volunteered yet. Sheila (office admin) will start calling each parent personally asking for their commitment to sign up.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. Report – Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General Operating: \$193, 535.01</li> <li>Casino &amp; Bingo: \$13, 560.94</li> <li>ETransfer: \$0.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Augustine Wong/ Sherlynn Der</p>
<p><b>6. New Business</b> Report from the sub-committee formed last month:</p> <p><b>a. By-laws and Governance</b></p> <p>-Darren looked at current by-laws and used a template for similar groups and produced a first draft. Linda is going to be working on the next draft, which will be ready for next meeting. Items include a larger board, different relationship to the paid staff in the organization. The By-laws must be voted at AGM. This will be in May (has to be in the last 4 weeks of the program year). We will need to provide a copy of the new by-laws before then. If we hold the AGM on May 4, then the letter to all members must be out by March 22.</p> <p>-Sub-committee will help draft the letter to be sent out to all members regarding the new by-laws.</p> <p>-Sub-committee proposes moving forward with hiring a Program coordinator, based on attached Job Description. This will lighten the load on the Board, so members can be more comfortable in volunteering to be on the board. Motion to create Program Coordinator Position:</p> <p>-Motion to appoint Patricia Estabrooks as the Interim Program Coordinator.</p> <p>-Need to send this information to the members so they know that Patricia will be filling this role, has the authority to make decisions, etc.</p> <p>-Sub-committee is continuing work toward the recommendations needed at the AGM.</p> <p><b>b. Planning for 2019-2020</b></p> <p><b>Classes and Teachers:</b></p> <p>- All current class teachers are interested in returning to teach with MEP next season. We will continue the just levels that the current teachers are prepared to teach. 2 teachers will have space to start beginner classes.</p> <p>-Question from Christina – should we consider increasing the teacher's remuneration? Currently they get \$1/minute = \$70 per class. We can't really make decisions yet because we don't know how the Casino funding will go, etc. We can research over the next little while to see what comparable programs offer. Trevor Maj was doing some research, talking to teachers, so we can look into what he learned.</p>	<p>Brian Dunsmore</p> <p>Motion: Brian Dunsmore Second: Christina Hydamaacka-Rust</p> <p>Motion: Sherlynn Der Second: Fang Yang</p> <p>Sherlynn Der</p>

<p>Report from Patricia – Sherlynn and Patricia met with EPSB infrastructure management and they are willing to provide schools at no charge. They will need some time to research which schools and which rooms are available to host classes and Orchestras. Principal at Ottewell would like to work with MEP, provide space, and collaborate.</p> <p>Singing Strings will continue out of UofA on Monday nights with Petar as the conductor. Level 2 and 3 will still be on Thursdays, Patricia and Allyson will continue as conductors. Patricia will likely deal with Level 1 Orchestras and may consider hosting out of Ottewell Jr High.</p> <p>Students moving into different class levels will need to have approval from the teacher so that students are in the right class (may to have an audition). Teachers need to give office the information about which level the students should register in.</p> <p><b>Registration Fees:</b>  Beginner Classes increase fees -from \$360 to \$400  Class Levels 2 and up increase fees from- \$400 to \$450  Orchestra Level 1 increase fees from- \$200 to \$225  Orchestra Level 2 &amp; 3 increase fees from- \$225 to \$275  Singing Strings stays at \$300</p> <p>Instrument rental increase fees from- \$125 to \$225.  Instrument Damage Deposit stays \$150. Contract will also be updated regarding expectations for repairs, etc.</p> <p>All Orchestra conductor’s honorarium will increase by \$10 per hour starting September 2019 due to the amount of preparation and photocopying of music etc. Orchestra conductor Level 1, 2, &amp; 3 honorarium will be \$80/hr and SSO conductor’s honorarium will be \$88/hr.</p> <p>Volunteer deposit fees increase from- \$150 to \$300. <b>Members must sign up at registration for a date for bingo/casino or be on the board and attend at least one meeting.</b></p>	<p>Discussion</p>
<p><b>7. Upcoming Important Date:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bingo: April 27 (have 10 volunteers signed up, could use 2 spares)</li> <li>• Year end Class Concert: May 28 &amp; 29 at Ascension Lutheran Church (class levels performing on each night will be TBA)</li> <li>• Orchestra Extravaganza: Sunday, May 26 at Concordia University (exact time for dress rehearsal will be TBA)</li> <li>• Casino: May 29 &amp; 30: Grand Villa Casino</li> </ul>	<p>Sherlynn Der</p>
<p><b>8. Next Meeting (Special Resolution)</b></p> <p>Date: Saturday, April 6, 2019  Time: 10:00am  Location: #210, 11803 125 Street</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:37AM</b></p>	