

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

Date: Sunday February 14th, 2016

Time: 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 2:44 p.m.

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.

Location: MEP office (210, 11803 125St)

- Next Meeting: Sat, March 12th, 2016 10-12pm MEP office (210, 11803 125 Street, Edmonton)

Attendees:

Alan Jones	Tope Akindede	Patricia Estabrooks	Annette Gustafson
Helene Butler	Christine Twardzik	Dennis Heize	Helen Aliu

Regrets: Leah Flemmer

Agenda Item	
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 Alan seconded by Christine. Carried.</li> </ul>
3. Approval of Minutes from Jan 9th, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
4. President's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As registration for next year is approaching, there was a long discussion on schedule, fees and volunteer requirements for next year.</li> <li>• Moved Alan/Seconded: Helen to set the following fee schedule in place effective</li> </ul>

September 2016. Beginner classes \$350 for all students. All other levels will be \$390.

- Junior orchestra \$175;
- Intermediate and Senior orchestras \$200; Singing Strings \$225.
- The following wording will be added to the registration information on the website and in any printed materials. “A limited number of fee reductions are available to qualifying low income students.”
- A 10% discount off the total fees for music classes is available to families who have more than one student enrolled.
- The instrument rental will change to \$80 for 10 months or \$110 for the whole year. Moved Alan/Seconded Helene. CARRIED.
- Registration will require a \$100 volunteer deposit check, post-dated to June 1st, 2017, returnable on completion of two fundraising activity or other approved activities. Moved Alan/Seconded Denis. CARRIED.
- Moved Christine/Seconded Helene to get a photocopier from Digitex as long as we are not under a long term contract. We will ask users to log any copies they make. CARRIED

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We still have no printer. Digitex is not responding. Annette will contact Digitex.</li> </ul>
5. Vice president's report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Argyll Center might have rooms that we could use to teach in.</li> <li>● Christine will look into whether sufficient interest exists to offer handbells in the day for home schooled students.</li> </ul>
6. Administrator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Registration will begin on May 1st.</li> </ul>
7. Artistic Coordinator's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Patricia has talked to music teachers and has found three new host schools. Helen will talk to music teacher at DS Nichelson to see if we can have a school on the south side of Edmonton.</li> <li>● Patricia, Mickey and Jackie will visit potential schools in an effort to recruit more students. .</li> <li>● Moved Alan/Seconded Christine to hire Jennifer Fang as an assistant to Jr Orchestra at the rate of \$25 per rehearsal effective Feb. 1st, 2016. CARRIED.</li> <li>● Danielle resigned and cited that part of the reason was that when she was hired she was shown a video of Intermediate Orchestra students who were at a more advanced level than the students she was teaching. Danielle prepared material for more advanced students as a result.</li> </ul>

Sarah Woodman has graciously agreed to take over.

- Orchestras were restructured as follows:  
Junior orchestra was greatly reduced. Stronger students from beginner gather together for Chamber Ensemble (formerly Intermediate Orchestra). Students who were previously enrolled in the Intermediate have been placed in the Orchestre Nouveau (formerly Senior Orchestra). Singing Strings remains the same. It will stay this way until the end of the season.

Junior 20 students

Chamber Ensemble 8 students

Orchestre Nouveau 11 students

Singing Strings 23 students

- Debby Lile will do a teachers workshop on July 31st to August 5th on the Bronoff method. Venue will be Millwoods United Church. It will be advertised on FASE website. We are applying for a grant and think we will qualify. Her fee is \$2500 (hotel \$1369, plane \$1500) Five of our teachers have signed up. No motion was made as to the budget.

8. Instrument Technician's Report	
9. Treasurer's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tope presented financial report.</li> </ul>
10. Tours and Concerts Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Junior Orchestra, Singing Strings, and a few classes are going to Kiwanis.</li> <li>● May 16-19th year-end class concerts at Concordia - Tegler Hall.</li> <li>● May 29th Orchestra concert at Concordia -Tegler hall.</li> <li>● June 5th concert for Singing Strings at Knox-Metropolitan United Church. \$315 have been payed for venue.</li> <li>● Moved Christine/Secoded Helen to book Alberta Museum for December 2016 Winterfest, Saturday December 10th 2016 by Christine, Helene seconded and it was carried.</li> </ul>
11. Advertising Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Christine will advertise to homeschooling community web site.</li> </ul>
12. Casino Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● We have received the slotting letter. We are booked for our next casino.</li> </ul>
13. Bingo Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Martin Kupchea is our Bingo Chair and Bingos are usually once a month. Martin will give Annette a list of volunteers and Annette will return their deposit cheques.</li> </ul>

14. Fundraising Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The chocolate sale at Save-On-Foods was well attended. More than 20 in attendance. There are 2 boxes of chocolate left to sell. \$980 raised before deducting the cost of the chocolates.</li> </ul>
15. Website Committee	
16. Alumni Committee	
17. Abuse Committee	
18. Additional business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The budget for Spring Workshop is as follows: \$350 hall rental, \$1000 for clinicians, \$200 for food. Our goal is to have 40 students attend. The deadline for registration is March 11th. A spot is reserved once payment is received.</li> <li>Spring Workshop schedule: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10-12:15 clinicians</li> <li>12-12:45 mini concert</li> <li>12:45-1:30 lunch</li> <li>1:30-3:00 bingo/activities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
19. Closing Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moved Christine/Secoded Helene to adjourn. Carried</li> </ul>

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Saturday, March 5th @ 10:00 a.m. at the M.E.P. Office

Tabled items:

Handbell program