

March 5, 2016 ESPA executive meeting minutes

Meeting opened at 10:30 a.m.

In attendance: Alan Jones, president;  
Christine Twardzik, vice president;  
Annette Gustafson, Registrar;  
Leah Flemmer, Instrument Coordinator;  
Patricia Estabrooks, Artistic Director.

1. Motion by Alan to approve the agenda, seconded by Christine. Agenda approved.
2. Motion by Christine to approve minutes from the February 2016 executive meeting. Seconded by Alan. Approved.
3. Photocopier: Annette will be contacting Digitex on Monday to go ahead with photocopier contract.
4. 2016-17 fees reconsideration: Agreed to leave fees as discussed and approved at the February 2016 meeting.
5. Spring Retreat update: 17 registered; Annette to provide more information regarding registration when all mail is delivered.
6. Orchestra Update: Patricia is working on plans for 2016-17 orchestras. Alan reports that junior orchestra is improving since the hiring of a teacher assistant. Patricia to continue to review teachers and conductors for next season.
7. Patricia asked for an update of the budget.
8. Board asked Annette to ask Brent Gustafson if he would be will to act in an advisory position for the board, due to his immeasurable past experience with MEP.
9. Leah looking into library spaces for adult classes for 2016/17. Library spaces under consideration are The Meadows, Woodcroft and Idylwyld.
10. Leah presented some ideas for shared internet for the MEP office and will be following up with the other parties affected. Also Leah is looking into the TD Grant. Leah will make an "intention" sheet for next year for parents to let MEP know what classes they are interested in for their children.
11. Bornoff Update: Patricia expecting a grant application answer shortly. Dates for the Edmonton Bornoff sessions are July 31 to Aug 5 at Millwoods United Church on Grand Meadow Crescent.
12. Artistic Director report: Patricia is scheduling a recruitment blitz following spring break. Looking at one school in St. Albert for strings. The Tegler at Concordia is booked for May 29 for orchestra concerts. The MEP handbells group will also be participating in this event.
13. Orchestra tours: Patricia reports that plans for Singing Strings and junior orchestra school tours will be evolving after the March 6 conductor meeting.

Next meeting: Saturday, April 2; 10:00 a.m. at MEP office.

Meeting adjourned 1:47 p.m.