

September Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Board Meeting
 Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
 Date: September 14th, 2019
 Time: 10:00am
 Location: MEP Office (#210, 11803 125 Street Edmonton, AB)



ATTENDEES			
Christina Barry	Christine Daum	Sherlynn Der	Courtney Cline
Patricia Estabrooks	Derrick Schmuhl	Dali Skobic	Toni Tuci
Holly Choi	Zhiyuan Fu	Shibi Chandy	Daryl Wilson
Hoang Nguyen	John Tang	Yun Mao	Yun Xu
Deny Malasaton	Tracy Lee Kong	Michelle Guo	Linglong Kong
Jing Yi Ao	Joy Tan	Anna Wiles	Shaofeng Yang
Tracy Wong	Huy Nguyen	Jun Sheng Chen	Danny lee
Ping Yu			

MINUTES	
CALL TO ORDER: 10:00AM	
1. Introductions	Round Table
2. September Agenda Approval	Motion: Toni Tuci Second: Dali Skobic
3. Minutes Approval- June 8th, 2019	Motion: Dali Skobic Second: Holly Choi
4. Report – President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19 Instruments are currently being rented out • Information was provided regarding orchestras on the move • Classes are proceeding and additional details will be provided during the Program Coordinator's report. • Scholarship • Winterfest Orchestra Concert will be held on December 15th, 2019 at 3:00 pm. Concordia College - Tegler Hall • Spring Orchestra Concert will be held on May 24th, 2019 at 3:00 pm - Tegler Hall. • Last day of Orchestra will be May 21st, 2019 	Christina Barry
5. Report – Treasurer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MEP currently has 217,557.53 in general operating account • Casino revenues received on August 12th - \$74,290.80 from bingo operations on May 29th and May 30th. • Bingo Casino account currently has \$76,177.77 • E-Transfer account currently has \$0.00 	Sherlynn Der

<p>6. Program Coordinator's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class concerts: Edmonton Public Schools, final week of May (25th-29th) - final dates and location TBA. • Orchestras dates are finalized • Kiwanis Music Festival dates will be released closer to the new-year and everyone will be informed as the information becomes available. • Several instruments are to be made available for sale, details TBA • There are currently 19 rentals out of a total of 129 registrants • One instructor has recently quit with relatively little notice and a new instructor with an adjusted schedule is assisting to pick up on the responsibilities. • Organization and communication first night of Orchestra was challenging but was solved by the end of the evening; will be well-prepared for next date and do not anticipate any lingering issues. • There are s groups now: (1) Singing Strings (by audition only) and (2) The multi-level Orchestra (to be called the "Orchestra" for now). • In the interest of taking some of the kids that are more advanced a step further, another person will be hired and there will be an initiative put forward called <i>Chamber Music Coaching</i>. This will allow kids to get the chance to expand their skills and experience in smaller ensembles with coaching. • Classes with 3+ students will continue • MEP continues to struggle with retaining teachers due to competition and availability of other teaching opportunities. • Rental of facilities continues to be a challenge and will need to be a focus of operations in the future. 	<p>Patricia Estabrooks</p>
<p>7. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrument sale was a big success - thank you to the parents who volunteered, they were integral in making it a success. • A second instrument sale is tentatively planned for November or possibly Spring of 2020. • It was explained that retaining and maintaining unused instruments creates excessive cost and it was more financially/economically viable to sell the instruments. There are particularly a surplus of restrung violins (strung as viola) that will be prepared for sale. • Volunteer Commitment - 5 hours are required from a parent or guardian (per family) and the majority of those volunteer opportunities are working at the West-End Bingo for a single 5-hour shift. • Great news- all Bingo shifts between now and February are filled. Bingo dates for February - May 2019 are TBA. • It was explained that Bingos are essential to the financial viability of the Music Enrichment Program. • Bingo recruiting is ongoing and Chair is needed/required sometime in the near future. • Alternative volunteer options were discussed people were encouraged to contact Patricia for more information. • Options are being explored regarding future locations for MEP; Patricia is spearheading the process and several leads are being followed up on- updates will be provided as information becomes available. • Skill-set of orchestra vs. skill-set developed by solo learning 	<p>Christine Daum</p> <p>Group discussion</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <p>Date: October 10th, 2019 @ Ottewell School in the Library</p>	
<p align="center">MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:10AM</p>	