

October 2020 AGM

Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: 2020 Annual General Meeting
 Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
 Date: October 3rd, 2020
 Time: 10:00 am
 Location: MEP Office 8405 83rd St



ATTENDEES			
Christina Barry	Christine Daum	Derrick Schmuhl	Courtney Cline
Patricia Estabrooks	Sherlynn Der	Miriam Ferguson	Gulliaume Tardif
Christine Regehr	Danny Lee	Doris Lunardon	Gina Salcedo
Hoang Nguyen	Hojung Choi	Jeanet Energ	Jihyung Choi
Judit Jenei	Kay Oladele	Liliana Filipoiu	Mahua Rahaman
Rachel Dueck	Tony Tucci	Xinlin Pan	Elaina Babij
Kathalina Olsen	Tracy Lee-Kong	Andrew Hoskins	Stephen Walton
MINUTES			
CALL TO ORDER: 10:00am			
1. Introductions of all attendees			Round Table
2. Agenda approval			Round Table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion was carried to proceed with the agenda approval - Motion: Gulliaume Tardif, Second: Doris Lunardon 			
3. Minutes approval			Round Table
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion was carried to proceed with previous minutes approval - Motion: Christine Regehr, Second: Doris Lunardon 			
4. Report – President			Christina Barry
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was a challenging year There were two successful instrument sales in the 2019 - 2020 year MEP Successfully moved to Ascension Lutheran Church on February 1st, 2020, consolidating rehearsal, instruction and operational/administration space. This provided a more central, safe and clean operational space with responsive and accommodating landlords. Most importantly, moving locations provided MEP the flexibility to provide rehearsals at our new location which was not a possibility at our previous location. It has been a critical aspect in continuing to provide orchestral instruction during the COVID-19 pandemic, when it is extremely difficult to find suitable rehearsal space. Thank you to all the families that helped to make this move possible, particularly the Tucci family, who helped move instruments, it is much appreciated. 			

- In January 2020, Patricia Estabrooks and Christine Daum presented the Edmonton String Player's Association and Music Enrichment Program at a meeting for the Rotary Club of Edmonton Strathcona. A member of the Singing Strings Orchestra also provided a live performance at this meeting- this resulted in a donation of \$1000.00 on March 10th 2020.
- Most operations focused on dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes and Orchestra rehearsals ended the week of March 15th, 2020. We were also unable to have a year-end concert or participate in the Edmonton Music Festival (previously known as the Kiwanis Festival).
- Knowing how many families were affected by COVID-19, the executive elected to issue refunds to class and orchestra participants (approximately 2 months of classes / rehearsals). Some families chose not to receive the refund and instead donated it back to the program in exchange for a tax receipt, which we are so grateful for.
- We had our first Music Enrichment Concerto Competition in March 2020. All participants were able to compete virtually, even with existing COVID-19 restrictions in place. All students recorded their pieces and sent them to the Judge in British Columbia. Winners were notified by email and were able to pick up their prize money and medals afterward.
- Due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the Music Enrichment program is not at liberty to use the Edmonton Public School facilities, nor the University of Alberta facilities for classes or orchestra rehearsals. Because of this, we have ceased to provide instructional classes for now and are instead focusing of Thursday-Night Orchestra as well and singing Strings Orchestra 9both of which are now actively rehearsing at Ascension.
- We are happy to report that we have 13 participants in the SSO and 26 members in the Thursday-Night Orchestra.
- The Edmonton String Player's Association is eligible to take part in the Casino for the 2020/2021 Season. We anticipate that the Casino will take place in spring 2021. The Casino is the Edmonton String Player's Association's major fund-raising initiative and has the potential to bring in \$70,000 in revenue. We have asked that all members register to take part in the 2020/2021 Season to take part in this important fund-raising initiative. Because of the number of volunteers required for bingo per month, the relatively small member pool and the well-being of our members and families and the revenues from casinos vs bingos, executive decided to focus fund-raising efforts on the casino and forfeit bingos for this upcoming season.
- Thank you everyone for following our Health and Safety sanitizing protocols. It has not gone unnoticed and is extremely appreciated. This allows us to keep making music together in person. A special thank-you to Patricia and Miriam and Petar who have been so flexible in their approach this year and making everything happen for our students this year.

<p>5. Report – Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current statement of financial position and the year-end statement of operations and change in net assets was circulated for everyone’s review and records. <p>Current Accounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating Account: \$171,562.15 • Bingo/Casino Account: \$44,777.52 • E-Transfer Account: \$0.00 	<p>Sherlynn Der</p>
<p>6. AGM - Election of new Executives</p> <p>A new board of directors volunteered for the positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Karen Hipson • Vice President: Andrew Hoskins • Treasurer: Tony Tucci • Secretary: Christine Regehr • Member at Large: Judit Jenei • Member at Large: Guillaume Tardif 	<p>All</p>
<p>7. Upcoming important dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information item - please be aware that it is anticipated that the Casino dates will soon be announced. 	<p>Christine Daum</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 15th, 2020 @ 6:30 PM 	<p>Christina Barry</p>
<p>10. Meeting Adjourned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was Adjourned at approximately 11:01 AM 	<p>ALL</p>