

Edmonton String Players Association

January 2021 Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: Executive
Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association
Date: Jan. 20, 2021
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Location: Online



Attending:

Karen Hipson, President
Tony Tucci, Treasurer
Andrew Hoskins, Vice-President
Christine Regehr, Secretary
Courtney Cline, Registrar
Guillaume Tardif, Member at Large

Agenda

MOTION: Karen Hipson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov. 28th general meeting. Andrew Hoskins seconded the motion. All voted in favour. Motion carried.

Two items were added to the agenda:

1. Setting a date for the next general meeting and
2. Coming up with a plan for requesting testimonials from families.

MOTION: Karen Hipson made a motion to adopt the agenda with these two additions. Christine Regehr seconded the motion. All voted in favour. Motion carried.

Covid-19

Schedule –Orchestra rehearsals will be extended until the end of June because rehearsals are not permitted at present. MEP will aim for a concert near the end of May, possibly on the 29th. If there are still no rehearsals permitted by the week of April 15th, MEP will cancel the remainder of the season and offer the option of a refund for half the year.

Instrument Sales

REPORT: MEP still owns 20 cellos, and 40 violins totalling approximately \$8000. Families are inquiring about purchase. MEP is paying significant amounts for insurance of these instruments.

MOTION: Andrew Hoskins moved that MEP should sell off the remaining instruments and that Patricia should be directed to make arrangements for a volume rental discount (if possible) with a local store like Myhres Music or Bella for the purpose of directing students for rentals of instruments. Karen Hipson seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.

Committees

Sustainability Committee

MOTION: Karen Hipson moved to accept the sustainability initiative as provided on January 21st by Andrew Hoskins. Tony Tucci seconded the motion.

Andrew Hoskins, Guillaume Tardif, Christine Regehr, and Karen Hipson agreed to be members of this committee. Tony Tucci requested a rough draft in advance of the deadline.

ACTION: The committee will present a proposal to the board for approval by March 15th regarding next year's program plans.

Personnel committee

Andrew Hoskins suggested delaying the discussion until next meeting. All agreed.

Financials Budget and Taxes

REPORT: Tony Tucci reported that T4A slips are required for anyone receiving over \$500 income from MEP. Tony Tucci also gave the board an update on finances and forecasted that with continued lockdown, MEP accounts will be down to \$105, 000 by the end of the year. If MEP is able to resume normal operations, it will receive \$10 000 revenue this year assuming that we get about 35 registrants, similar to 2020. Tony attached a financial forecast file.

Programming

REPORT: Guillaume Tardif reported on Bornoff curriculum. He expressed interest in teacher training and the reinstatement of string education in schools. He reported that the University is looking at ways to stimulate string activities in education in Edmonton and that University Administrators might be able to provide support.

ACTION: The sustainability committee will discuss programming vision.

Fundraising and Grants

ACTION: Courtney Cline and Karen Hipson will pursue possible Covid-19 grants.

ACTION: Karen Hipson will obtain a history from Patricia Estabrooks of past grants received.

ACTION: The sustainability committee will pursue the possibility of arts related grants. Guillaume offered to help with advising and possibly writing.

Additions to the Agenda

ACTION: Karen Hipson will request testimonials from current students and will mobilize conductors to ask former students for testimonials.

ACTION: The Sustainability Committee will also ask for testimonials.

Date for next general meeting: April 10th, 2021. 12:30 pm.

Date for next board meeting: March 13th. 12:30pm.

Adjournment

MOTION: Andrew moved that the meeting should adjourn. Karen seconded the motion. All in favour. Motion carried.