

Meeting Minutes

Type of Meeting: General Meeting

Meeting Called by: Edmonton String Players Association

Date: March 10th, 2022

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Ascension Lutheran Church 8405 83rd street,
Edmonton AB T6C 2Z2

ATTENDEES			
Karen Hipson, President	Kathy Walters, Fundraising Chair	Nancy Stepney	Judit Jenei, Volunteer Chair
Yayne Akilu	Jin Feng, Treasurer		
Absent:	Kelli Scherr, Secretary		
Regrets:	Guillaume Tardif, Director at Large		
MINUTES			
CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 pm			
1. Agenda approval <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion was carried to proceed with the agenda approval Motion: Maryse Bouchard Second: Kathy Walters 		Round Table	
2. Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> So far response has been slow with only 1 Little Caesars and 3 FundScrip orders. Finances are tight for everyone. Extend Fundscrip by a week, Karen to send an email reminder, this fundraiser is just spending money you are already spending (i.e. grocery cards) 		Kathy Walters	
3. T-shirts/Hoodies Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 t-shirts, 8 hoodies so far, few more orders pending Deadline is tonight; the order is going in this weekend. See how they end up, if they go well then we could consider buying a few more as demos for the future. 		Judit Jenei	
4. Year End Concert Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> German Club May 29th, 2022 Start time 3:00, Kids there for 2:00 Refreshments provided by the Club 		Judit Jenei	

<p>5. Next Season / Future Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration – open in mid-April, invite teachers to come and sit in on a rehearsal (or hold an open house to invite teachers to come visit?) • A promotional video including clips from rehearsals and comments from students would be a good tool. • Year-end survey – students, parents, private teachers • Karen waiting to hear from the church about lease • Maryse contacted the conductors. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petar will not be returning. • Miriam is happy to continue with what she is currently doing and prefers to keep it on the same day. • Patricia is interested in coming back but it will depend on her health. Would like to see us return to doing placements of the kids, consistent fees and minimum registrations. • Nancy Stepney is willing to serve as Secretary for next year • Karen to send last year’s teacher email to the board 	<p>Maryse Bouchard Karen Hipson</p>
<p>6. Grants Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIOG application submitted • Looking into project-based grants – marketing, free lessons, clinics, etc. 	<p>Maryse</p>
<p>7. Covid updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edmonton lifted the mask bylaw #19408 on Tuesday, March 8th. • Karen has not sent out an update to parents regarding this as Council spoke of plans to pursue a replacement policy in response to Provincial Bill 4, so the current situation might be temporary. 	<p>Karen Hipson</p>
<p>8. Treasurer / Bookkeeping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandi and Yayne are willing to help with office work if they can. • In the future, we might revisit the old approach of having the accountant do a larger amount of the work – this does cost more. (We used to pay them about \$2500/yr) Our current enrolment doesn’t justify returning to having someone on staff to manage the office. • Charity status required a solid paper trail, so everything has been done on paper in spite of the world being more digital. We used to have the full-time office person and the Treasurer did a smaller job; now the Treasurer takes on enough work that it’s almost a part-time job and makes the Treasurer role quite intimidating for anyone who has a regular job. 	

9. Upcoming Dates

- March 31st, 2022, is EPSB spring break – no rehearsal
- Next meeting April 21st

10. Meeting adjourned

- Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.