

## HMPA MINUTES

8/10/2014

Opening remarks by Kathleen Whyte  
Chair - Handsworth Music Parents Association.

### Band Report:

David Bradshaw: new Band teacher

- Mr. Bradshaw hails from Lynn Valley Elementary and other schools where he has taught for the last 20 years.
- He reports that invoices for instrumental rentals will be sent soon.
- He has a similar set of trips planned that have been customary as per previous years.
- Plans for Festival trips for the jazz bands.
- Sr Band big trip this year – planned for 6-12 March – 7 days and 6 nights. – 1<sup>st</sup> deposit due November 1<sup>st</sup> so needs to be organized quickly.
- There will be smaller trips for other bands – possibly one of Nanaimo, Whistler, Nelson or Kelowna- all Festivals.
- Good instrumentation in bands this year although not enough bass clarinets but otherwise good. Senior band retreat missed due to the strike.

### Strings Report

- Sab reports that numbers are down a bit due to a very large grad class last year. Approximately 65 students are enrolled in the three groups.
- School concerts are all going ahead but there are logistical difficulties with the Zone concerts given he is now with different schools. Sab is no longer teaching at Canyon Heights or Highlands and has had Ross Road, which is not in the Handsworth family of schools added to his schedule. This will cause difficulties that are still being worked out. The Zone concert usually held in November will be cancelled this year.
- Trip planned – aiming for February long weekend. He'll get the paperwork to the parents asap. He will be asking for deposits soon.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Lisa/ Alex

- The budget from June available if anyone is interested. Mostly status quo, fundraising is intact.
- Bottle drive will go ahead as planned. They ask that any paperwork get to them asap if you are working on something re fundraising.

## **Bottle Drive**

Lisa/Alison

- Kathleen: Our first bottle drive is NEXT SATURDAY - October 18. We need all students to volunteer for a minimum of 2 hours between 8:00-3:00(ish). We also need parents to help out by driving routes to pick up bottles etc and also parents to supervise the sorting of bottles up at Handsworth. If you have a few hours, we would love to have you help out.
- They reiterate that the BD continues to bring huge returns (approx. 6000.00 net/year).
- They remind everyone that bottles can be dropped off throughout the year to the Bottle Depot – make sure you let them know for Handsworth Music program.
- The Flyer packages were handed out and there has been a good turnout. Have to be handed out on the long weekend. BD is October 18. (service hours for this)
- DRIVERS and volunteers NEEDED – Give your name to Lisa if you can volunteer in any way. The maps are clear. You must fill out the Volunteer Driver Form and get clearance by phoning ICBC to have them fax your driving record to the school to ensure you are clear to drive. Vans and trucks are best for this but anything will do.
- Kids must volunteer if they can at least part of the day. Many do the whole day– service hours for this.

## **HPAC REPORT**

Alex for Elena

- The 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year was well attended. There were Sr council reps who explained plans for student activities.
- John Lewis the Supt of SD44 spoke about the Handsworth Construction – costing for seismic upgrades and for new school (new school could be as soon as 2019).
- Parents gave success tips for new parents: take picture of timetable so know where kids are and when they have their breaks and only contact them at lunchtime; check daily announcements on the website, get involved and get to know their teachers, give them room to fail and stumble, give them a plastic folder to keep their homework, partake in the hot lunch program, keep a common charging station at night, keep phones out of room at night.
- Erika Schmidt new VP – she is from the Northshore.
- Next HPAC meeting is October 20 at 7pm. Speaker Jessie Millar – Topic: social media education and awareness.

## **Uniforms**

Pam/Alison/Meghan

- Meghan suggested we start a uniform exchange for basic requirements– pre drop off possible for BD day. Lisa and Alison offered them to set up a table at the Bottle Drive for same. Parents

can bring “gently used” black pants, shoes and shirts. They can offer black socks for sale – by donation or exchange.

- **Re uniform exchange – email or notice needs to be sent out.**
- They explained the basic uniform requirements: vest (supplied by school) different color for each group. Black pants, (no yoga pant, jeans or leggings), black socks, black dress shoes (no sneakers or flipflops). Gr 8-10 long white sleeved shirt with collar; senior jazz and wind and chamber (mostly grades 11-12) – black shirt. Shirts must be tucked in.
- Vests will be given to each student with a number and must be returned at end of year concert – if not must pay 35\$. Do not need to clean usually – if cleaning is necessary must be dry cleaned.

### **Instrument Rentals and student accounts**

Greg

- Greg reported there is approx. \$5000. In student accounts – students can earn money by selling magazines and Purdy’s and there will be an opportunity at the end of the year to more desks. Announcements will be made shortly.
- Greg posts balances for each student in the teacher’s office.
- Re rentals – he says to let teachers know asap if rentals are needed and prompt payment is appreciated.

### **Fundraising**

(Tracey absent)

- Aichen commented that we will need a volunteer next year for Purdy’s chocolates fundraising. She pointed out that this is an easy volunteer position and she can assist in explaining what is required.
- Boch gave info re the Derosa oil change coupon – you pay 20\$ and get 4 oil changes (105\$ value). The 20\$ goes directly to the music program. He suggested putting a table at Sweet Music concert.

### **Prelude Concerrrs**

- Our first concerts of the year at the end of October: October 27 Intermediate Concert Band, Intermediate Jazz Band and Concerti Strings; October 28 Tocatti Strings, Junior Blue & Junior Gold Concert Bands and Beginner & Junior Jazz Bands; October 29 Senior Winds, Senior Jazz and Chamber Strings.
- All concerts are at Highlands United Church 3255 Edgemont Blvd and will begin at 7:30. Entry is by donation. Please note that the front of the church is under construction so we will be entering by the side door.
- Volunteer needed for October 27 to speak on behalf of HMPA since Kathleen is not available that night. Nicole & Paul offered to speak on behalf of Kathleen.
- Tickets sales – Jan and Sonny – (absent) by donation - Kathleen Whyte to contact them.

- Refreshments: We are also looking for some home baking to sell at these concerts. If you think you could donate some cookies / squares etc. If you can bring baking, please contact Ai Chen Ng at [aichenng@gmail.com](mailto:aichenng@gmail.com)
- Aichen and Maria will also send out emails for baking.
- Programs: Meghan – she needs the names of pieces, instruments and composers – one week notice needed.
- Posters: Ken – Kathleen to contact.
- Parent helpers: Volunteers needed. Students help. Sab pointed out that he gives students the choice of set up or clean up.
- MC's – 1 confirmed for all per D Bradshaw. He will confirm same.

### **Sweet Music**

- December 10 Wednesday.
- Kit requested we try to shorten it. Teachers commented that it would be difficult since there are 11 groups to perform.
- Volunteers need to be solicited.
- 50/50 volunteers needed. Arlene suggested we have interpreter parents who can explain what the 50/50 is to people who may not be familiar with this fundraising model.
- Sab offered a gift basket for raffle again.

### **Event Calendar**

- Kathleen to post

### **Next meeting Nov 18th**