

Present:

Cara Webb, Monica Tolson, Shannon Bjarnasen, Heidi Graham, Kay Marshall, Dena Vinqvist, Alison Giles, Linda Neuville, Cecilia Gouveia, Myrna Baskin, Leigh Ann White, Anne Daudlin, Marianne Kettlewell, Suzanne Clark, Gabrielle Lyall, Beverly Paty, Wendy MacLeod, Leah Gabriel, Graeme Wilson, Denver Rawson, Nathan Georgesen, Kimberley Haas

Minutes of LMPA AGM Oct. 5, 2009

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. The LMPA president, Leigh Ann White, introduced herself and made general comments about fundraising and the particulars of each job. Positions were filled where possible, see Executive List for 2009/2010.

Anne Daudlin made a presentation regarding the coffee fundraiser. It was decided to switch our coffee provider from Backyard Beans in Summerland to the local Fernwood Coffee Company. They will sell us coffee for \$7 per pound, and the students will sell it for \$13, putting \$6 from each pound sold into their band account.

Heidi Graham made a presentation regarding poinsettias. It was decided to switch our poinsettia grower from Marigold Nurseries to DeVry Greenhouses in Chilliwack. Plant price and quality were the main reasons.

2. It was moved by Cara Webb to approve the minutes of the September 2009 LMPA meeting. Seconded by Anne Daudlin. Motion carried.

3. The **Treasurer's report** was not available.

4. Denver Rawson gave the **Band Report**. He is looking forward to seeing the progress that his students will make this year. His plan to start a 16-piece Stage Jazz band is off, instead he is combining the Vocal Jazz choir with some instrumentalists to form a Jazz/R&B band comprised primarily of grade 8 students with some grade 7's. He bought a digital projector for the Band Annex, as approved last month, and is already pleased with its many uses in class. The total cost was \$999.86, including an extended warranty.

5. Nathan Georgesen spoke about **Choir**. He reported a good start for the choirs this year. He is still seeking an accompanist.

6. Kimberley Haas reported on **Strings**. She is currently teaching at 4 schools, and she is at Lansdowne from 8 to 9 a.m. on Monday and Thursday. She has an Advanced group of mostly grade 7 and 8's, and a Beginner/Intermediate group. They are doing well. She pointed out that Strings students can be involved in school-based events as well as district ones, for example the Prelude Strings group.

7. Fundraising:

a) **Coffee** - A new coordinator will be taking over. We will be offering coffee from the Fernwood Coffee Company, as soon as Kay has the program organized.

b) **Fairways** - Judy Aalders is away until Oct. 14. Contact her for purchase of Fairway Gift Certificates. Seven per cent of certificates purchased go into the student accounts.

c) **50/50** - nothing to report

d) **Photos** - nothing to report

e) **Musical Desserts** - 7 pm on Feb. 5, 2010 at First Metropolitan Church Hall. Those who offered assistance with this event will be coordinated by Leah Gabriel and Graeme Wilson.

f) **Bake Sales** - held at every concert. Musicians not allowed to purchase baked goods until after the concert. Volunteers will be contacted by the coordinators, Suzanne Clark and Barb Fraser.

g) **Purdy's** - pick up day for Purdy's and poinsettias has been set for Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Band Annex.

8. **Old Business** - Valu books - Leigh Ann finally contacted the gentleman from the Compassionate Warehouse, after 2 years of trying to connect with him. The \$900 cheque we owed them has been forwarded!

9. **New Business**

a) **Student assistance** - Leigh Ann spoke with Lansdowne principal Ken Andrews. It was felt that too much money was put out by the LMPA last year to help kids go on their band trips. This year it will be left to teacher discretion. As stated in the September band newsletter, "If you require financial assistance for any music tours, the LMPA is willing to donate an amount equal to the amount your student earns through fundraising efforts. This is strictly on a case-by-case basis."

b) **Newsletter** - LMPA meeting dates to be sent in for inclusion in the school newsletter.

c) **Concert dates** for this school year: December 8/9, March 2/3, and June 1/2.

10. Round table - Denver reported that teachers are working out and getting used to the new timetable with Band classes before school. The Uniform exchange box was put out.

11. **Next meeting will be November 2 at 7 pm in the Band Annex.**

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anne Daudlin