

WMPA Meeting Minutes

March 10 2025

Attendees: Gareth (Woodman Music Teacher), Tara (Secretary), Dean (Chair), Don (Member at Large), Sheena (Fundraising Coordinator), Judy (Treasurer)

Dean motions to approve the February minutes, Sheena seconds, all in favour, and the motion passes.

Financial Update (Judy)

- Account balance of about \$1450
- Future items that are already accounted for - \$2000 is reserved for band camp and \$500 is reserved for EPS Jazz Band workshop
- Gareth to investigate how to donate the \$500 to EPS

Ties (Gareth & Denise)

- Marlene has made new suggestions. Gareth will forward those to Denise and then we can come back to it next meeting.

Folders (Gareth & Olivia)

- Parents do not feel that folders are a necessary expense.
- Parent concerns include: folders are not seen as adding to the music experience for your musicians, folders are thought likely to be lost and/or damaged, folders likely will not fit in backpacks, folders are not likely to be replaced in a timely manner if lost or damaged, extra job for Gareth to communicate with parents regarding the need to replace folders, the positive visual of folders is lost if even a small percentage of students don't have them.

Fundraising (Sheena)

- Growing Smiles – pick up May 9 from 1:30 to 6 at Sheena's House (across from Haysboro School), order deadline April 24, open beginning of April
- Confirm a fundraising timeline in May. Something similar to this year is suggested for next year.

Program Update (Gareth)

- Spring Concert needs a venue. Date is somewhat flexible, but best the week of May 21 so as to not mix with PATs. Mass band is 200 kids altogether. Senior Band is about 100 seated kids. Audience capacity is about 400.
- Church in Riverside, church just down the street from city hall, others?
- Tara will attempt to make some inquiries.
- Atco campus? Or maybe for the Jazz Fundraiser?

- Hotel? Sheena will contact hotels.
- Concert is tentatively May 21 and Jazz Fundraiser is tentatively April 16. The Jazz Fundraiser is less of a priority.
- Outdoor spaces?

The next WMPA meeting will be online March 31 at 6:30pm.