

Chinook Music Educators Association

Spring Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11th, 2015
River's Edge, Tumwater

Attendance: Dan Lundberg, Grant Sears, Maria Hoffman, Randy Grostick, Pete Klinzman, Marci Elefritz, Jennifer Sagerser, Cal Anderson, John Welsh, Rachel Landowski, Kylie Lewinski, Leah Dowers, Austin Schlichting, Joe Dyvig, Chip Schooler, Kathleen Alviar, Jerry Huff, Greg Allison, Caitlin Sybouts, Stacy Brown, Dan Schwartz, Joe Sokolik, Katherine Sartori, Lisa Pearson, Travis Sipher, Mary Jo Rydholm, James Harper, Chad Hocutt

General meeting convened at 5:45 pm.

Dan L. welcomed everyone and facilitated introductions of the Board and attendees.

Jennifer S. moved to accept the Fall Meeting Minutes, seconded by James H. All approved.

Maria presented the Treasurer's report. Most festivals made money, though we still have some folks who have not paid up, as usual. There is a problem with paying judges to sit around because accompanists take on way too much. Please get invoices to bookkeepers! Please put school name and specific description in PO. Labeling correctly helps us get things paid in time. Keep following up – it is your responsibility that you see it through until it is paid. Our fiscal year coincides with school year – our goal is to be completely paid by Spring Meeting each year. All money HAS to go to the PO Box!

Jerry H. moved to accept the financial report, Joe D. seconded. All approved.

Old Business:

Chip S. chatted about the SPSCC Orchestra program and its growing success. He announced an opening for an adjunct band director. Their next concert is June 13th.

Dan L. asked for reports from Festival Chairpersons. Concerns included accompanists booking too many students, storage for cases in Large Group Orchestra Festival. All festivals went well otherwise.

Dan L. thanked SOGO for hors d'oeuvres.

Break for ordering dinner at 6:10 pm. Reconvened at 6:25 pm.

New Business:

Grant S. confirmed dates, locations, and chairpersons of next year's Festivals. Kudos go out to John Theine for moving pianos for the HS Instrumental Solo & Ensemble Festival. Grant talked about how moving to two days for MS Choir Festival will help teachers do a better job of managing their groups. Remember that we are responsible for managing our own students...make sure you don't turn things over to chaperones or make the chairperson be the "heavy". Grant S. will arrange a meeting with Festival Chairpersons next October.

Special Election:

Dan referred to his experience at the WMEA conference – we need to be sure we're doing things right as we get more and more complex. We are getting to a point where we're going to be held liable for unfortunate situations, and we cannot afford to do that. We have money to take care of equipment moves – let's do work orders and do things the right way and keep ourselves out of trouble! To help facilitate this, we will have a Treasurer-Elect and a Secretary-Elect so we have a seamless flow from year to year.

Dan L. opened nominations for Treasurer-Elect. Darren Johnson was nominated, and Cal A. moved to close nominations. Darren Johnson was approved unanimously!

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Nominations for Secretary-Elect were opened, and Rachel Landowski was nominated. James H. moved to close nominations. Rachel Landowski was approved unanimously!

Other:

Dan asked for information on music job openings: there are open positions in North Thurston, Chehalis, Shelton...

Dan asked for news to include in The Voice – please email anything you have by tomorrow!

Randy G. walked us through a sample of an online festival registration that we are looking to adopt for use next year! Forms can be tailored to each event's needs. Joe S. suggested online payment of festival fees when we register. Maria said we'll look into it, but there are fees associated with online payment setup. Everyone present seemed excited!

SOGO – John Welsh asked folks to respond to emails so we can be involved. He would love to see an advisory committee amongst our region's music educators. SOGO would also love to do another conducting workshop, so there will be one on the third Sunday in November.

Chad H. on behalf of NAFME reminded directors to get their students in Honor Groups.

Rachel L. announced 2016 Ambassadors of Music – travel to Europe! Encourage students to attend the informational meeting – students were nominated and should have received mailings.

Joe D. – Sammish Music Camp – capping at 92 participants this year, so register early.

(I think there was one more I missed! Sorry!)

Please email all your information regarding summer camps and events to Randy G. so he can put them on the website.

Chad H. moved to adjourn, seconded by Joe D. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Fall meeting will be on Tuesday, October 6th, at the same location, 5:45 pm.