

Chinook Music Educators Association

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 14 May 2024

Location/Time: River's Edge, 6pm

- Welcome and Introductions (5 mins)
 - *Jessica Ewing, James Harper, Lisa Pearson, Kim Brumbaugh, Darren Johnson, Kim Merkley, Stacy Brown, Andrew Landowski, Tony Nguyen, Travis Sipher, Maria Hoffman, Jennifer Palmer, Greg Allison, Cal Anderson, Joe Dyvig, Jeff Simmons, Willow Miller, John Rants, John Guarente, Paul Nakula, Nadine Bozeman, Genevieve Schooler, Austin Schlichting, Josh Keeling, Josh Frelander, Jennifer Lyne, Tim Henderson, Rebecca Gage, Kathleen Alviar, Scott Means, Katherine Sartori, Jerry Huff, Joshua Keeling, Joshua Friedlander*

- Approve Spring Meeting Minutes (3 mins)
 - *Tim Henderson motions, Kathleen Alviar seconds, approved.*

- **Break to order dinner (8 mins)**

- Treasurer's Report and Approval (5 mins)
 - *Everyone has paid! 3 checks are in the mail.*
 - *Checking: \$7,867.21*
 - *Festival Registration closes 1 month before festivals.*
 - *Square went to a couple junk mails so keep your eye out. Emails should go out the day after registration closes.*
 - *MS S&E Festival Facilities Fees - \$1,460, new facility person. 51% of participants will be TSD students*
 - *Austin moves, Jennifer Palmer seconds, approved.*

- Old Business
 - 2023-24 Festival Debrief (5 mins)
 - *Thank you for your participation and timely payments.*
 - *Joe Dyvig - HS Instrumental Custodial \$720 being argued (charging for 11 hours of custodial time). Raising S&E fees again? Custodial more expensive, OPUS event fee, Square fee.*
 - *Tim Henderson - busing issues/fees. How feasible is it? Costs are \$5-7k for festivals. Hire someone to come in and work with kids, they drive themselves there. Rehearse Friday, perform Saturday.*
 - *Tony Nguyen - form for moving all/part of festival to Saturday?*
 - *John Rants - WIAA sanctioned is paid for by Athletic Director.*
 - *Jennifer - hire individuals to go school by school.*
 - Elementary Connection Opportunities/Suggestions (2 mins)
 - Encourage elementary teachers to come. We can have a separate meeting or break out session to facilitate this.
 - *CMEA region meeting for only elementary schools*

- *Officer in charge of elementary outreach. Lauren Hayes? Stacey Brown will reach out to her.*
 - *Lauren Hayes is in!*
 - *Elementary Honor Choir festival?*
 - *Elementary music festival opportunities - honor choir*
 - *Auburn conference in November*
- **New Business**
 - **HS All-State and WMEA Conference Updates (5 mins)**
 - *John Wetherington is leaving his position in WMEA for Student Events Coordinator. Moving Honor groups will have to move to 2026 to allow them to train a new events coordinator. 2025 they will default to their standard schedule as previously notated.*
 - *Henderson: What was the deciding factor on #2? WMEA gets saddled with the legwork to run All-NW. Washington students never get a chance to have an opportunity to participate in both All-State and All-NW. Both running concurrently is too much to handle for the limited staff. Teachers who want to attend and have to chaperone. Both events can be staffed fully. Regional auditions in person? Don't think that went far. Is it up for more discussion in the future? Ask WMEA. Update on housing? Will be the same. WMEA is not arranging the housing for students, they will set aside a block of rooms at the hotels. Teachers/Districts will arrange it. If they continue the Google Form system they will be much clearer in the future.*
 - **2024-25 Festival Schedule (10-15 mins)**
 - *Registration closes 1 month before the festival to allow time for Kim Brumbaugh to send invoices.*
 - *Can they be due prior to 1 month? Needs to be done for each festival.*
 - *Huff - contact before registration due date to start building the schedule earlier, Nguyen seconds.*
 - *Large Group due earlier than S&E*
 - *Large Group will be 8 weeks prior, S&E will be 4 weeks prior. All in favor.*
 - *HS Instrumental S&E Schedule? February 22 wouldn't have access to the PAC so the piano division will need to move to the orchestra room. Moving forward with February 22 date.*
 - *HS Vocal S&E - Kathleen Alviar - Accompanists are hard to find. Non-competitive room where recorded accompaniment can be used but not qualify for state.*
 - *MS Orchestra Festival - Moving to April - facility and teacher decision. Keeping it in March - better for students. Festivals after Spring Break are hard. Sartori is in favor of also keeping it in March. Are the facilities available? Rebecca - expanded to two days this year, but it does cost HS rehearsals before their own festivals. On-stage adjudications would keep one classroom available.*
 - *Put a pin in the date for now, further discussion with Rebecca and James. Date needs to be decided by May 22nd.*
 - *MS S&E will stay in March if it stays at Tumwater MS. Kim offered to host if needed. Difficult to get students prepared for so many events and moving S&E would help.*

- *MS Band Festival - a week earlier due to State S&E and SPSCC events happening during the last week of April. 10-11 is the Choir Festival, 3-4 is during Spring Break.*
 - CMEA President Election (10 mins)
 - *Jennifer Palmer and Rebecca Gage nominated.*
 - *President Elect Jennifer Palmer who will serve 26-28! Thank you!*
- Open Items (20 mins)
 - Stacy Brown - National Board Cohort
 - *Music only cohort for National Boards Certification. Meetings at Centennial Elementary. Two components 24-25, two components 25-26. C-Step manages the cohort. Email out link. Foundations or Jumpstart course.*
 - Olympia Symphony Orchestra - Jennifer Hermann
 - *Jennifer is not in attendance, James speaks. Pops concert on NYE, family concert in November, Harlequin Theater Sweeney Todd partnership, February/March/April standard concerts. Student rush tickets are super cheap.*
 - OYC - Nadine Bozeman
 - *30th anniversary year, auditions are Monday for new members. Facebook page has updates. Re-launching Forza TTBB ensemble - info on blue flyers.*
 - SOGO - Cameron May/Greg Allison
 - *Greg - vouchers for concert this Sunday, largest groups ever, placement auditions/interviews (younger kids involve the parents as well), age limit is 21, summer music registration is open online, elementary band/orchestra - there is a beginning group, SOGO hiring two part time positions (operations manager and office assistant). 2021 to now - free lessons/sectionals: 774 lessons and 501 sectionals.*
 - SPSCC - John Guarente
 - *Musical happening this week - Amelie. Carmina Burana in June, Jazz and Orchestra in June, music program is on the upswing.*
 - *Andrew Landowski - Jazz Festival might have two dates? TBD. February 11 is still a go.*
 - *Andrew Landowski - .6 music position will be posted. Bush MS Choir, Littlerock Elementary 1 section general music, Tumwater MS Band.*
 - *Joe Dyvig - .6 MS Choir 1 year only*
 - *James Harper - thank you for letting me serve! Darren Johnson is up next!*
- *Motion to adjourn Jennifer Palmer, seconded and approved.*

October 8th for fall meeting - River's Edge