

Chinook Music Educators Association

Agenda

Date: Tuesday, 8 October 2024

Location/Time: River's Edge, 6:00 pm

- Welcome (1 min)
- Student Performance - Saxophone Quartet + Jack, "Strange Humors" - John Mackey (7 min)
- Positive Moments - quick share of positive things in your work so far this year (5 min)
 - *Jennifer Palmer - amazing student teacher Jessa!*
 - *Austin Schlichting - with John out they have a great sub keeping things going and making sure everything is happening*
 - *Jennifer Lyne - had a wonderful recital*
 - *James Harper - a lot of interest in music, programs are exploding, added .8 FTE music staff across the district*
- Introductions (5 min)
 - *Attendees: Jessica Ewing, James Harper, Jennifer Palmer, Kim Brumbaugh, Lauren Hays, Cameron May, John Guarente, Melissa Maañao, Travis Sipher, Scott Means, Greg Allison, Randy Grostick, Jerry Huff, Katherine Sartori, Genevieve Schooler, Kim Merkley, Lisa Pearson, Peter Klinzman, Austin Schlichting, Maria Hoffman, Rebecca Gage, Jessa, Dan Judd, Joe Sokolik, Joshua Keeling, Kathleen Alviar, Jordan Lewis, Nadine Bozeman, Jamie Sproul, Jennifer Lyne, Willow Miller, Anna Messenger, Jennifer Hermann*
- Approve Spring Meeting Minutes (3 min)
 - *Motioned by Lisa Pearson, Seconded by Joe Sokolik, all in favor. Peter abstains.*
- **Break to order dinner (8 min)**
- Treasurer's Report and Approval (5 min)
 - *Close of fiscal year: Checking: \$2,478.92, Savings: \$17,193.82*
 - *Paying for festivals, email if you want to pay in advance. Google form does not go to Kim, she gets a list once registration closes. After registration closes emails will go out. Please pay in a timely fashion!*
 - *If there are any new staff please inform the board so we can update and send invoices to the correct people.*
 - *Joe Sokolik - Why is it more expensive for middle school S&E in Opus than it is for the high school?*
 - *Should be the same \$2 fee per entry, could be more middle school entries, we can look into it.*
 - *Motioned by Jerry Huff, Seconded by John Guarente, all in favor. Peter abstains.*

- Old Business
 - Feedback on students recording themselves for All-NW (5 min)
 - *Jerry Huff - students who did it in advance and brought a drive were great, email proved the files were too large.*
 - *Why do they ask for student ethnicity? WMEA is using it to take a look at who is applying for All-State and All-NW. Some put “rather not say” instead of inputting info for those who were uncomfortable.*
- New Business
 - Proposed S&E rule change - watch for feedback survey (5 min)
 - *At the state level - students who are applying for S&E need to be involved in the music program at the school that they attend. Example: If there is no orchestra, a violin can be in band/choir and still apply. The new rule change will require a teacher with a WMEA/NAfME membership to “sponsor” them and still participate.*
 - *Delineate exactly what it means.*
 - *Piano players? Would this apply to them as well when they do not play in an ensemble.*
 - *Clarify if the sponsor needs to work at a K-12 school / public school of some sort to be able to sponsor them*
 - Breakout Session (10 min)
 - *We would like to include our elementary teachers more and really utilize the new Elementary position.*
 - Festival Schedule for 2024-25
 - **Need a new festival host for middle school band festival**
 - Festival Chairs Meeting - November 5th 6:00 pm
 - *Location: Rivers Edge*
 - Middle S&E Date Change Proposal
 - *2026 to April 25 instead of being in March*
 - *Can we move it this year? Tumwater would need to discuss. May with testing could be challenging depending on how chamber music is taught at that school. Survey to be sent out with date options.*
 - **Communicate any registration changes to Kim, Randy, and Darren**
 - *Elementary General Music Survey Results and Discussion*
 - NAfME Northwest Division Conference February 13-16 in Spokane
 - *Conference moved a day earlier. Date changes will be changed at later conferences.*
 - Elementary Survey Share Out - Lauren Hays
 - *Please encourage elementary teachers to respond.*
 - *Committees for honor groups, Orff ensembles, honor choirs, lesson swaps, local PD, guest artists to visit groups.*

- Open Items
 - Olympia Symphony Orchestra
 - *Sweeney Todd this weekend! 20% off code as well. Link up 4th grade in OSD again, welcoming Griffin as well! Rehearsals before concerts will be open for students to attend. Young Artist Competition and master classes will have information shared as well. March will be featuring young artists.*
 - SOGO - Cameron May/Greg Allison
 - *Expanded program this year, up to four orchestras. Brass group going to Croatia and Montenegro in June. November concert with Ballet NW. School tour to Hoquiam, TMMS, and LP Brown. Enrollment is 172. 12 private lessons, 23 sectionals in the last month. 815 lessons, 524 sectionals total in all time. New scholarship fund in TSD.*
 - SPSCC - John Guarente
 - *Most enrollments in the music program ever. Opened a second section of jazz band. Choirs are auditioned now. Orchestra collab with CHS and Travis Sipher. Saint Martins Wind Ensemble gets SPSCC credits.*
 - Olympia Youth Chorus
 - *Tour to Ireland in June with HS treble choir, concert at end of October*
 - Saint Martins
 - *James Doyle moved to be the Development Director of Symphony Tacoma, Laura Harper is the new instrumental director at Saint Martins, co-directing the band with Scott Meredith.*
 - **Laura's email: lharp@stmartin.edu**
 - Peter Klinzman
 - *February 21st US Coast Guard Band to be hosted at THS, free to public but need to issue tickets. More information to be forthcoming. Unclear if only a performance or if they are offering workshops.*
 - Regional news for Voice magazine - send to Darren.
 - Performers for the next meeting?

Date for next meeting May 13, 2025 TENTATIVELY.

Motion to Adjourn Austin Schlichting, seconded by Lisa Pearson, all in favor.