Edmonton String Players Association
Unofficial Board Meeting Minutes (no Quorum) - Jan 8 2025, 7:30pm

Type of Meeting: Board Members Location: Online (Zoom)

Attendees:
Amy Archibald, President
Vanessa Kay, Secretary
Ryan Heit, Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator

Regrets:
Liliana Filipoiu, Events and Social Media Director
Karen Hipson, Administrator
Karen Kawulka, Vice President
Margaret Usko, Fundraising Director

Call to order: 7:40 p.m. No quorum.

Treasurer's Report (Ryan Heit)

- Current Funds:
  - General Operating Account Balance:
  - Casino Account Balance:
- Audit update: Completed and signed up
- Parent Marvin is working on completing tax filing – will be completed on time.

Old Business

A. Concert locations for 2026-27

- Meeting with McDougall Church – They are honouring all scheduling that they can, however concerts going forward would need to be Saturdays, and price will increase.
  - Future pricing TBD
  - Booking for next year TBD.
- Volunteer Joe Friedel has a sheet listing venues and tracking contact efforts.

B. Social Media update model and advertising (update by Liliana)

- No update on social media or advertising for next year.
- Winspear update: they have scratch classes on Monday, with a discounted rate for 5 weeks of beginner violin or cello lessons. We may place orchestra postcards there.

ACTIONS: Amy will ask Jarred to bring postcards to Deep Freeze and Bluegrass Festival.

C. Bring a Friend Day Update – January 12 2026

- Orchestra 1 bring a friend day is Jan 12
- Fiddlinists bring a friend day Jan 26
- Social media listing

ACTIONS: Liliana to post

D. January 2026 Concert Logistics

- Most things are under control.
- McDougall wants someone there at 1pm. Jarred will do that.
- Volunteers + Miriam arriving at 1:30
- Ryan will come around 1:30.

- The MC can mention:
    - Interest in board members for next year, silent auction person for spring concert
    - Bring a friend day

E. River City Bluegrass Workshop for Fiddle Group

- Fiddlinists are registered. Reimbursement needed for Jarred ($160) for registering kids.
- Jarred and one parent will supervise the Fiddlinist youth. MEP will pay the Bluegrass Festival $60 admission for the parent who has stepped forward to be responsible.

ACTIONS: Amy will circulate an email motion to approve these costs: Jarred to be reimbursed $160 and for MEP to spend $60 on registration for the parent.

New Business

A. Priorities for the remainder of this term:

- Board Turnover for Next Year
- Social Media for Next Year

C. Silent Auction for end of year concert.

- Last year's silent auction was led by one volunteer.

Next meeting

- Date of next Meeting Thursday, February 5: 7:30pm, on Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm