



All-City Band Society
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Board Meeting Minutes May 27th, 2018

Present: Keith T, Jennifer O, Rhonda H, Bill B, David M, Tara C, Adam C, Sonia W, Kim F, Tristan F, Tara L, Rhys W.

Regrets: Sandy W., Jamie M, Nick M.

1) **Funding & Finances**

- a) \$16000 & \$2000 cost of living increase, Arts Operating Fund. Base rate for next year is expected to be \$18000.
- b) \$300 Music Yukon (Arts in the Park) was raised by the jazz band plus \$164 in the tip jar.
- c) \$12000 in surplus. Plan is to rebate the trip travellers who paid \$700 \$70 each which leaves about \$8000 remaining. Will open the music camp scholarships to the Adult members (Youth members will still take priority) with applications being extended to next week. Rebates will also be provided to those interested in going to the reading clinics in Vancouver in late August. Suggested there be a \$7000 cap for reimbursement.

2) **Jazz Band trip** – The trip was cancelled due to a death in the community (Old Crow). Air North fully refunded the seats as they were able to resell to other travellers. The band is looking to do the same planned trip to Old Crow next year in late April.

3) **Langley trip** – went well overall. Almost all of the performances by the Senior band (won Gold) and the Junior band (won silver+) were solid, despite challenges with the space. There was an issue with the return travel in that the plane transporting the group was not big enough and 8 members had to return on a later flight. A lot of confusion and frustration amongst the group was created that could have been alleviated if the Directors were made aware of the problem ahead of time. Several complaint letters were sent to Air North but have only received a generic apology letter in return. We have suggested to them that they take a contact number for the group in case of problems and

will ensure this is provided the next time we book. New protocol for future travel with the airline is to check-in online the night before.

We also need to reiterate the trip rules to the youth members in that they need to inform their chaperone of their whereabouts at all times. Should enforce the buddy system and pair up with at least one cell phone per pair.

- 4) **Band Trip 2019** – May 16th to 21st to Nationals in Ottawa. Will need to cost out the shipping of oversize instruments to Ottawa if we fly with Air Canada. It may be cheaper to just rent them from Long & McQuade. We also need to ensure that our music selections include Canadian pieces as that is a requirement. Rob Ziegler has offered to look for sponsorship this summer and hit businesses by July looking for their support.
- 5) **Rotary music festival** – The Adjudicator worked well with the group and provided a good clinic for the Senior band. The final showcase concert was not well organized, and many groups were not informed well enough in advance that they were going to perform. Next Year's RMF dates are April 3 - 13 with bands expected to perform April 11 - 13.
- 6) **May Concert** – We provided an excellent concert to a sold-out audience. People were being turned away at the door. It was well organized, and we ended up profiting \$200.
- 7) **Parent meeting next September** – Keith will consider tweaking his presentation. The 2nd round of Parent meetings in February are poorly attended though so we may need to consider incentives to get all parents to attend.
- 8) **Student Executive** – Rhys mentioned that all of the current non-graduating members are staying on next year. They will be planning more get togethers for the band as those seem to be popular and well-attended. They will also consider making travel cards about the upcoming band trip to inform the members of what they can expect to see and do on the trip.
- 9) **Administrator in Training** – Tara Leenders has accepted the position and will be training with Jennifer throughout the next season.
- 10) **FH Band Teacher** – There have been a few interviews, but no one has been hired yet and there have been no new applicants to our knowledge. Keith was denied the opportunity to sit in on the interviews as he has not received interview training.
- 11) **MOVED by Kim Friedenber**g that the All-City Band Society, accepts full responsibility for fiscal management, (including revenue generation,

expense control and profit distribution, and deficit management), for *Music for a Winter's Eve 2019*, that is being held on the 16th & 17th of December 2019, in the City of Whitehorse.

Second by Adam Cripps, All approved. Motion carried.

12)Next year celebration ideas – the ACBS is celebrating 20 years. Looking for ideas on how to celebrate. The 20 year celebration colours are emerald and white.

13)Dates – the new season dates have been handed out to the executive. The season begins a week earlier so Squeak & Squawk will be a week earlier. All other dates are fairly similar to the usual season.

14)Next meeting will be Sunday, September 9th at 11:30am at PCSS

15)Other - We have been approached by a Coquitlam band that are coming up in late March. They are interested in doing a group activity with us. We will need to see what we can do as the time approaches. A group concert at FH was suggested.

Thank you to Conrad as Administrative Assistant and Keith and Tristan for another excellent year!