



Southern Maryland Youth Orchestra

Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2013

Schaeffer Hall

In attendance: Julia, Lindsay, Susan, Caroline, AnneMarie, Jill, Susie, Liz

Not here: Dave, Emily

1. Call To Order

2. Minutes approved from October 2013

3. President's Report (Julia)

- Fundraising
 - Walmart of St Mary's County donated \$750
 - AMK mentioned a local family who may have \$ to donate - Bobscares.org
 - Fundraising packets done – start new fundraising efforts in December
- Calvert Hospice Festival of Trees
 - AMK will be available
 - Either 2 or 3pm – need to get fixed time
 - Don't know if families have to pay – Julia trying to reach them this week
 - Shirts – figuring out with Emily
- Spring session dates and rehearsals: discussion
 - Concert date: May 17
 - Auditions: week of January 6-7-8, 13th, after school
 - 3:15 until 4:45pm
 - 1st rehearsal January 13
 - Sectionals
 - 3rd Feb? March 10 (AMK gets back from Disney late that night);
 - April 28 – sectional? Cancel?
 - 3rd sectional: April 22 – rehearsal space conflict.
 - Conflict March 24 with rehearsal space – AMK will get back to us on this one
 - No April 14 rehearsal – spring break
- Summer Session: discussion
 - Want to announce the session date by the concert
 - Fine arts camps are June 23 and July 7 weeks – SO, week of July 15
 - Activities to plan
 - Date for commitment: April 1.
 - Auditions at the end of the year

4. Director's Report (AMK)

- Update on last 2 rehearsals

- Got kids on stage
- Issues resolved with concertmaster/concertmistress
- Rehearsal last Monday went well
- Postponing the *Overture to Rienzi*

6. Website (Lindsay)

- Half pictures are up – some difficulties

7. Parent Liaison Report (Jill)

- Concert reception
 - Potluck reception planned
 - Email to students and their families: food assigned by instrument section, asked for parent volunteers
 - Cake: AMK – cake friend – *conspicuous cakes of Maryland*
- Improving social relations within the group: discussion
 - buddy system for new kids proposed
 - build time in for ice breaker in first rehearsals

8. Financial Report (Caroline)

- Location rental
 - Inexplicably higher charges – need to look into this
 - \$340 for use of space: double the cost from before (doubled)
 - AMK will email about it
- Missing payment from 1 student – Emily's talked to student's mom – it's coming
- Bank account:
 - deposits: more tuition payments, donations
 - Brochures \$211
 - 1 bounced check - payment from parent - \$10 fee, need to recover
 - \$4986.52 available balance

9. Marketing Report (Susie)

- Brochures – printed
- Will order more T-shirts if needed
- All advertising out for concert: community calendars, press releases, flyers distributed to the schools
- Draft of fall concert program – all review
- Email to parents for program ad
 - business cards \$25 -

10. Other Business

- Need to attract brass and woodwinds

- Julia – personal emails to invite brass players and teachers
- Discussion of drop box versus Google drive
 - Liz to make drop box folder
- Liz and Jill to do bios
- 21st of November – make sure everything is up to date on Website by Tri-county

11. Concert Details

- Concert checklist: review
- Jill to do recording
- Board members be there by 5pm
- Formal picture – intermission
- Kids arriving at 5:30
- Where to put reception food...
- Julia's remarks at beginning
- Discussion of inventorying all our stuff – list in Charms
 - Julia to list

NEXT MEETING

Dec 8 – out to eat! The Ruddy Duck, St George's Island, 6pm