

Chinook Music Educators Association

Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Location/Time:

- Welcome and Introductions Lisa Pearson, Austin Schlichting, James Harper, Randy Grostick, Joe Dyvig, Cal Anderson, Genevieve Schooler, Tony Nguyen, Erik Peterson, Kathleen Alviar, Darren Johnson, John Rants, Peter Annis, Travis Sipher, Mrs. Merkley, Karen Berets, Katherine Sartori, Josh Keeling, Cameron May, Patrice Lins
- Approve Fall Meeting Minutes all approve
- Treasurer's Report and Approval We did not do most of our festivals but we did do a HS/MS Festival spearheaded by Joe Dyvig. Thank you Joe. This was our largest expenditure. Over \$2000.00 in participation fees were collected. \$1800.00 went to adjudicators. Joe's honorarium went to Olympia HS orchestra. The honorarium checks for Randy and Austin are in process.
 - \$1,000 donation to WMEA- a nice letter came from WMEA
- Old Business
 - Solo Festival Report - thank you Joe Dyvig! A great opportunity for kids this year.
 - Festival Reports & Discussion
 - Inter-District Music PLCs thank you to hosts for making these possible. The form to sign up for clock hours for the PLC's is shared in the chat. Three members interested in continuing Inter-District PLC's for next year. Board to get that ready in the fall.
- New Business
 - Festival Schedule for 2021-2022 we have a draft schedule for next year. We decided to plan for festivals and cancel if needed as this would be easier. Dates will be provided for the whole group. Members are encouraged to make deadline for solo and ensemble the Friday before winter break to avoid student's inevitable procrastination.
 - Awards- form for nominations shared in the chat. We will take nominations through Friday night. We will send out another form for voting.
 - Friend of Music- Austin shared that Jennifer Hermann has worked very hard to fundraise and to make music happen in the community a second for Jennifer from James Harper who has made many connections with schools, master class videos, elementary age school students composer project
 - Educator of the Year- Joe Dyvig for running the festival when we didn't have a scaffolding for that Angie Swan general music, class act in North Thurston
- Open Items

- Olympia Symphony Orchestra- Laura Harper James Harper. Jennifer has talked about interest in more outreach with schools for the fall. Olympia Symphony musicians are interested in coming into the school to work with students in every section- woodwinds, strings, brass percussion. This would be semi-regular where students would get an opportunity to do a sectional with students. These hours will be sponsored. The symphony would like to know what would help teachers- number of times they would join, specific skills to focus on. A survey will be forthcoming from Laura Goben Harper. The goal would be in person with flexibility to go virtual if needed. Educators are urged to come for the music director concerts next season. Joe Dyvig expressed interest in the endangered instrument program for groups with a shortage of a certain instrument. Laura to research this subject.
- SOGO Auditions- Cameron May sent an email to instrumental teachers with videos to share with students. Virtual concert is June 6
- SPSCC - Associate in Music Program- really conservative and not bringing back many classes in person but there are exceptions for music theory, ear training and ensembles. They are monitoring high school start times so that students can take those courses and still be in high school ensembles. Associate in Music Program is available for graduating seniors. Meredith Arksey retirement from WSU, consider reaching out with a word of remembrance.
- Job Openings: .2 Orchestra in Tumwater, some general music TBD in OSD, and between .4 and .6 of elementary strings
- Anyone retiring? Karen Berets and Ron Schwartz
- Motion to Adjourn 6:38.