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All City Band Society Minutes
September 12th, 2020
11:30 (Porter Creek Band Room and via zoom)

Attendance: Alexander James; Annette Smith; Dave Musselwhite; Jennifer Ondrack; Liris Smith (via zoom); Lucas Van De Ven; Marie Gallagher; and Toby Moisey.

Regrets: Bill Barrick and Judy Shannon

- 1. Update on Media and H&SS Communications** discussion around how communications have gone with YTG HS&S to date. ACBS plan was submitted for approval back in July but although some communication prior to submission in the development of the plan, there has been no response to date to the application for review. Concerned that our plan was somehow lost, Toby contacted the office directly the week of August 31st and received assurance that our plan would be reviewed as soon as possible. The same week, Jenn mobilized support in the ACBS community and beyond for advocacy and letters were sent to MLAs and media from our supporters and the board. Media was contacted and interviews given by Toby. Toby was then reprimanded by PCSS admin. Given the diversity of opinion on how to approach this problem and the risk of our relationship with PCSS, Marie suggested that any action of this type in the future be brought first before the board for discussion. Direct communication has continued with HS&S and ACBS has continued to show willingness to work with HS&S (providing resources for creating guidelines as well as our plan). Suggestions were made to poll the parents and students to get an understanding of their positions on in person vs zoom rehearsals and also that a third-party risk assessment of rehearsals be considered if these actions were needed. Once our plan is approved Marie will communicate with Jay Thomas to facilitate rehearsals returning to FH Collins on alternate weeks (probably after recordings).

2. **Funding and Finances:** Do we have funds available for purchasing PPE for players (masks that can be worn while playing) and bell covers for instruments? Yes. Also, Alex suggests approaching Renuva to help with production of masks that can be worn while playing.

- Got **BCAW** funding – we have to spend it – Music for a Winters eve – otherwise would have to be a deferred revenue;
- We will go with **AOF** depending on whether we do a Jazz retreat;
- **AIS** funds usually used for grade 8 retreat – will wait and see if we do it;
- We have **\$32,000 net** – we have found some ways to use this (see below).

3. **Fundraisers:**

- **Purdy's** still a go for November. We plan for members to do all online ordering, and hope to have no shipping costs online, but we would pay shipping from our costs. Won't be too much data entry. We will need a few people to bag and organize the orders. Stay with 2 coordinators for this year. Marie/Katie: review volunteer sign up or make a call out if necessary to help find helpers for Annette for the bagging and organizing;
- **Dessert and Dance** – Delayed if not cancelled for this year. Katie to contact people who donated for silent auction, thank them and let them know we wouldn't be reaching out for February, but possibility later this year (remembering sensitivity, might be struggling financially this year with COVID);
- **Grocery Bagging** cancelled for this year;
- **Coffee orders** – we would like to continue supporting Firebean. Annette will ask Kristina if she wants to coordinating again. Suggest students manage the orders and do as much online as possible – use e-transfers;
- **Raven recycling** – still continue with this program;
- We are waiving **participant fees** for all adults for 2020-2021 season. May be a way to get some FH students who can't fit into schedule.

4. **Update on composition requests.** We had additional funds to spend, so Toby has approached artists to commission original pieces: Scott Maynard for jazz band, Keitha Clarke for Junior band, and Conor Curtis for Senior band. Marie is going to do up contracts for these artists;
5. **Update on purchases of equipment** – Alex is buying USB powered mics and a travel drum kit (surf green);
6. **Update on on-line concert series for Music for a Winter's Eve.** Going to involve everyone recording parts. We are looking at Jessica Hall as videographer, and need a sound mixer. Likely only 1 piece each band to be fully edited, may do other songs but with background video. Need more groups to fill up concert. We need an idea of how we present the festival online... This will be a time-consuming process. Jazz band may be working with just a rhythm section in person, and have parts for wind to join over top or in the future.
7. **Update on Weekly Rehearsals:** Grade 8 parent meeting, junior, senior and jazz rehearsals will be on Zoom. Toby will set up zoom meetings. Alex would like more guitar and bass players for jazz band. Could jazz band play in outside classroom at FH?
8. **Update on Squeak & Squawk:** will see what happens with level of interest. Probably link to clinicians on Zoom. Numbers are small so far. Sandro – not sure if he is coming up or not. Toby can help work on line with him if that is an option. Or parents can get an online link directly.
9. **Grade 8 Parent Meeting and Grade 8 Recruitment:** Toby and Alex will get a list of grade 8 players and pass on to Marie and Katie for creation of band list for communication. If Grade 8 recruitment bombs this year, Toby planning a Grade 8 and 9 joint band next year.
10. **Rotary Music Festival:** Toby will be the RCM representative this year, if need be.

11. **Sponsorship and Revenue** generation – Katie has dropped off letters of thanks to all last years sponsors. We can do for silent auction D&D sponsors too. Will not do active revenue generation but keep in touch with sponsors for future years. Will include previous sponsor recognition from last year in our Music for a Winter's eve (due to missed sponsorship recognition opportunities in the spring).
12. **Student Executive** – need to update on plans and request input, ideas for Christmas concerts and invite to talk to teachers and staff. They may be able to do all the how-to videos for the new students;
13. **AGM** this year – can have before regular scheduled meetings – could do on Zoom. Will be November – date to be decided later.
14. **Jazz Retreat** cancelled this year.
15. **Next meeting – November 22nd, 2020. 11:30 am on Zoom**