



In attendance:

Kathleen Schoen (music director), Kelly Komm, Christy Perry, Maggie Ganes, Tyler Charlton, Baiju Vareed, Anjali Loyer.

Call to order:

Kathleen called to order at 7:06pm. A detailed and thoughtful land recognition shared by Kathleen.

Quorum:

Met with 7 members (6 attendees, 1 music director).

Approval of 2021 Agenda:

Motion to approve by Christy; seconded by Maggie.

Approval of 2020 AGM minutes:

Members had a link to the ESFRS website ahead of time and perused prior to meeting. Maggie motioned to approve; seconded by Kelly. Link to minutes available on website.

Review of 2020/2021 Financial Statements:

Kathleen reviewed all points with attendees, though there is a link to minutes available on website. Among other points, of note was the change of payment timing of the AFA grant from one year to the next (from quarterly payments to one lump sum), and the financial benefit to not having to pay rent, or student teacher scholarship. Motion to approve by Christy; seconded by Baiju.

Review of 2021/2022 Budget:

Kathleen broke down the numbers laid out in the spreadsheet. Link available on the website. Of note:

- she reminded everyone how most of the money received goes to paying our teachers. Essentially, more students means we can pay our teachers more.
- We are also seeing an unsurprising drop in numbers due to the pandemic.
- Over the years, there has been the gradual change from cheques to different forms of electronic payments.

- Estimates are in place for the upcoming year in the event restrictions are all lifted and safe communal playing is possible, ie: rent, accompaniments, festival, etc.
- The pandemic makes the budget very much an “estimate” budget. Can’t predict how the year will proceed.

Motion to approve the 2021/2022 budget by Kelly, seconded by Christy.

Music Program Directors Report:

Lead by Kathleen. She shared a link to the report ahead of time, so members could peruse at their leisure, link available on the website. Some highlights:

- A look at various festivals and associations and how they are continuing – ie: online, in-person, not at all.
- Still monitoring the best way to tackle teaching safely, whether it is online or outside.
- Registration is still fluctuating; grants are still arriving.
- Quick mention that the board is going to have some interesting topics to discuss this year because of changes to finances due to the pandemic.
- Mention of possibly including a teacher representative on the board this year.

Election/Continuation of Board Members:

- President – vacated by Cokey Ng, Christy Perry unanimously elected
- Treasurer – vacated by Frank Doruiter
- Secretary – continued by Kelly Komm
- Member(s) at Large – vacated by Susanna So
- Member(s) at Large – continued by Maggie Ganes
- Teacher Liaison*NEW POSITION* - Beth Gardner unanimously elected
- Music Program Director (non-voting) – continued by Kathleen Schoen

3 members leaving, 2 members elected, 1 new position

All members generously thank Cokey, Frank, and Susanna for their years of service to the ESFRS board. Welcome aboard, Christy and Beth!

*No new business

Online performance of Silverwinds:

The Lagtime Duets performed by JaJa and Megumi. These duets were specifically arranged to be performed online.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 8:15 by Kathleen; seconded by Kelly.