

ESFRS - AGM Oct 2023

Director's report

Activities:

August 2022:

Institute - Filosofia and Teaching Strategies

September 2022:

Lessons begin

AGM and opening play-in: outdoors at Hawrelak Park

October 2022:

STEP classes

Canadian Music classes

Schoen Duo parent support classes

November 2022:

Schoen Duo parent support classes

Matthias Maute contemporary music workshop

Contemporary Showcase

January 2023:

Winter Recital rehearsal

February 2023:

Winter Recital hosted by Schoen Duo Studio

April 2023:

Edmonton Music & Speech Arts Festival

June 2023:

Spring concert hosted by Schoen Duo Studio

ESFRS has started the 2023-34 academic year with its new operating model, supporting the community through scholarships for member students, professional development support for member teachers, and sponsorship of multi-studio community events.

The goal of this change in operations is to channel more resources into program support and less into administration.

September 2023:

lessons begin

Maute workshop hosted by Dorothy Beyer

October 2023:

AGM

International Teacher Trainers Conference in Matsumoto, Japan

Future:

We will continue to support events and professional development projects initiated by our member teachers.

Excerpt from April 20203 Board meeting:

Our last financial statements show an accumulated reserve fund of \$36,000. In the April 2023 Board meeting it was moved that we approve spending up to 33% of the reserve fund each year (in addition to income for that year) for the next 3 years. Since that percentage would be calculated from the balance each year, it would be a gradually smaller amount each year and the fund would not be completely depleted. It would return the reserve fund to pre-pandemic levels.

Funds would cover:

- both business and studio support for the teachers during the post-pandemic recovery period*
- music PD and SAA membership for teachers as usual*
- scholarship fund for students / support teachers in offering sliding scale*
- maintaining summer courses as needed through the Borealis Institute*
- administrative costs for the Society (insurance, PO box, bank account and admin honorariums)*
- event support*
- maintenance of existing equipment purchased by ESFRS*
- other items with Board approval*

Any funding request over \$4000 would require Board approval, leaving those below that limit to the discretion of the Music Program Director.