

Music Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 11th June 2008 2.30pm Music Room

Present:

Cheryl Mortimer, Vicki Davidson, Keryn Suchting, Mandy Adams, Sheryl Lane, Andrea Morris Campbell, Carol Watson, Sharon Willoby, Tanya Alcock, Sue Underhill, Fons Harthog, Cathy Wood and Kim Chitham

Apologies:

Vicki Richards, Melinda Chandler, Louise Winn, Donna Gray, Anthony Lau, Julie Brunckhorst, XXXXXXXXXXX

1. Music Mayhem –

Venue: Positive response to the venue.

Sound: We need to look at the PA location and the backing music in order to relieve Fons and to improve the flow of the evening. Look at whether choirs needed amplification especially as the pianist couldn't hear choir. The position of the strings meant that the piano was moved further away. May need to move the strings so the piano isn't moved.

Refreshments: It was suggested that we offer tea or coffee for parents on arrival due to the early start. Rather than offering during or after the concert which can make the evening too long, offer something beforehand. Investigate having the "Shock Coffee Van" although need to be mindful of delays. Assess for Kaleidoscope.

Hall Costings: Faye to obtain a Hiring Schedule – kitchen, sound, music system etc –in order to evaluate whether there might be benefits in utilizing them.

A Thank You was sent to Mau Music for their donation of a \$30 gift voucher for the lucky door prize.

2. Income –

Music Mayhem Family Contribution \$462.50

Less: Hall Hire \$250.00

Balance \$212.50

Strings Prize at Queensland Youth Music Awards –\$100

3. Expenditure

Strings: It was agreed that \$100 be put towards a Guest Conductor for the string ensembles.

Choirs: It was agreed that \$100 per allocated towards Choral Music or a workshop (Harley Mead ran a successful workshop with The Gap Primary).

Band: Fons reported that there wasn't an obvious financial requirement at this time; however, \$100 is available for either music or a workshop.

4. Communication :

Phone Tree – Faye to talk to Debra Jackson to ascertain the names of children in both band and string ensembles. Potentially using class list information, Faye is to put together a phone tree in order that late information and reminders can

be distributed quickly.

Email Group – for situations where the information is not last minute an email group could be used. Faye to talk to Debra Jackson, Melinda Chandler (P&C Email list) and XXXXXXXXXXX about compiling a music group.

5. **Ringbalin Choral Camp** – is being held first week of term 4 for both Junior and Senior Choir Members – about 19 children are attending.

6. **Music Uniforms**

Adherence – it was agreed that this is an ongoing problem for some members of our groups.

For 2009 we need to examine the agreement/contract for each child (new or continuing) in the music programme. It seems to be important to regularly stress the importance of uniform compliance and we need to determine consequences for non-compliance. A suggestion was raised as to a fine for those not in complete uniform. Rather than preventing a child from performing have a supply of spare uniforms available. Maybe ask for donations of more shoes or other items for reserve.

We need to remind parents of the shoe hire facility if that is needed. Use of the phone tree prior to a performance would serve to remind parents of the need for complete uniform.

Trousers –We discussed the suggestion of long trousers instead of shorts to improve presentation of waist down which also has the advantage of not having to worry about socks or shoes to the same extent. It was agreed that trousers present well and the idea that it be for older children was considered favourable. Especially to keep beginners' uniform costs to a minimum initially. Whilst this will be further investigated it was agreed that we need to focus on getting the existing uniform right and having parents understand this before making an additional change. As it stands the music uniform is simply the correct school uniform with the music shirt.

7. **Soiree** – Fons will organize some small groups – maybe flute choir.
8. **Kaleidoscope** – to be discussed next meeting.
9. **Musical Moments** – distributed for review. Fons and Sue to confirm prior to distribution.

10. **Any Other Business**

Kim Hopkins (parent and real estate agent) has offered to donate a gift basket for any raffles or events that we might be having. We are to contact either Tanya Alcock or Kim directly to organize.

Gemma Smith's Dad is attempting to win a grand piano for the school through ABC Classic FM. Fingers crossed!

It was great to see so many new faces at the meeting – thanks for coming! Sorry I forgot to share the chocky biscuits – make sure you come next time to have some!

Faye Holmes