

MINUTES OF MT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday 8 May 2008

TIME: 7.30pm

PRESENT: Shaun Molewyk, Penny Scott, Sue Mulholland, Kerry White, Jo Penkin, Jo Parker, Sue Faranda, Cindy Spight, Julie Kernutt, Sue Kennedy, Catherine Brown, David Brown, Vicki Andrews-Taylor, Karen Wallis-Barker

APOLOGIES: John Pryor, Will Brander, Rose Phaceas, Joanna Stimpson, Wendy Pietrocola, Mandy Hortense

MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT:

- ChinaTour -

There has been positive feedback from participants and parents. The logistics of taking a large band created some difficulties however, so next time perhaps consider smaller ensembles. Also consider attending a festival as a focus of next tour. Shaun commented that the tour was unique, different to anything other schools had undertaken.

Reimbursement of \$461.70 to be made for expenses incurred in China – music stands, bubble wrap, hire of musical instruments. Kerry has cheque for \$3342 for tour jackets. Gifts purchased before departure cost approx. \$450.

- Camp -

Junior Music camp to be held at Araluen, Friday, 16 May to Sunday, 18 May. 80+ students attending – Junior Band, Stage Band, Choir, Guitar Ensemble, Electric Guitar Ensemble. As well as music rehearsals there will be team games. Second letter being sent to parents about timetable and activities. Parent helpers required, but must have Working With Children Check. Committee agreed to expenditure of \$500 towards purchases for team games and team identification. (Moved Penny, Seconded Julie. Unanimous decision.)

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Middle School Concert, 28th May – (**note** now 28 June)

Junior ensembles, plus Year 10 Guitar Ensemble to perform. May also include Cert IV students and Clarinet Quartet, to show junior students what they can aspire to. Discussion about whether we should still charge for concerts as a result of \$25 music charge being introduced. Shaun indicated that a payment of some nature indicates to the students that it is a 'real' concert, and that students and parents will value it more. Outcome of discussion is \$5.00 per adult, plus gold coin donation for children/seniors. Pre-sales would give an indication of numbers.

Shaun likes the idea of two concerts in one evening (to accommodate the anticipated audience), but this may be difficult on a Wednesday evening. Suggested 6 -7.30pm, then 8 – 9.30pm, as this is not too late. Shaun will do note with all details, including raffle donations, students to bring own water etc.

Sue Kennedy to organise raffle. Jo Penkin volunteered to do a chocolate basket and bring milk for tea/coffee. Need to check that supper box is stocked with sufficient tea, coffee, Milo and sugar. Penny has plenty of cups.

Kerry to look into cost of Subway platter for students to have between concerts.

- Art Auction -

Planning and preparation is well advanced. There are 95 pieces to be auctioned. Helpers are needed during the day to help set up and hang artworks, and also on the night. Wine sales will be full profit as the company has agreed to sponsor the event and supply free of charge. Cert IV ensemble to be asked to perform 5 – 7pm. They will be provided with dinner afterwards.

- Stage Piano -

Shaun indicated that this was the next major purchase desired by the Music Dept. Cost is approx. \$3000, plus few hundred for a cover. Committee agreed to fund this purchase to the value of \$3500. (Moved Sue M. seconded Jo Parker. Unanimous decision.) Jo Penkin will make a poster informing parents that funds from Middle School Concert will be used to help fund purchase of the piano.

- \$25 Music Charge - Some parents have not received invoices. Penny to follow up. Penny also to draft a reminder letter for those families who have not paid (to be run by Milton).
- Senior Concert – probably 12th September.
- Timpani invoice has been paid by the school. Music Support to reimburse school, but wait until Shaun has followed up \$4000 grant from SIM.
- Jo Penkin advised that if the Dept./Committee is still considering the purchase of a mobile recording studio, Kevin has one for sale.
- Sue Faranda is still sorting through scores each Wednesday. Shaun expressed his appreciation for Sue's help with this very time consuming job.
- Thanks also to Penny Scott, Sue Mulholland, Julie Kernutt, Prue Griffin, Jess van de Ploeg and Despina Prastides for helping with a Music Dept. clean up in the school holidays.
- There are boxes full of CDs of concerts dated 1999 – 2002 in storage. Julie will contact Sue Charlick to see if she knows anything about them. Penny will contact Catherine Smith if necessary.
- Paul de Cinque wants to make a recording with Senior Band. Shaun not sure of Paul's requirements as yet. Suggested that people pay for CDs when ordered.
- Cindy volunteered to act as Music Support Moderator on the website. Penny will contact John Pryor when he returns from overseas.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Current account balance is \$11,295.06, however funds for Timpani and additional China Tour expenses reduce this amount to \$2833. Noted 2008 Art Auction funds will replenish account.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, 12th June 2008 at 7.30pm in the Music Building.