

MINUTES OF MT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC SUPPORT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday 24 July 2008

TIME: 7.30pm

PRESENT: Shaun Molewyk, Sue Faranda, Penny Scott, Kerry White, Cindy Spight, Jo Penkin, Sue Kennedy, Karen Wallis-Barker, Prue Griffin, Wendy Pietrocola

APOLOGIES: Sue Mulholland, Jocelyn Edmonds, Lawrence Marshall

1. **MUSIC WORKSHOP PROPOSAL**

Shaun Molewyk will phone Lawrence Marshall to discuss proposal to see how it may fit with the Music Department's curriculum /timetable

2. **BUSINESS ARISING**

2.1 Middle School Concert 28 June – feedback indicated that the concert was well received but the number of seats available needs to be addressed. Options:

- if Tricycle Theatre is to be used, ensure note home clearly states the importance of pre-purchasing tickets during the week prior to the concert, and that tickets are not available at the door
- Limit number of tickets per family
- Use the gym – discounted as a viable option because of acoustics, and size means audience is not contained
- Have a soiree where each ensemble plays in a different venue within the school and the audience moves to each, with drinks and nibbles available (spring/summer option)
- find a larger suitable venue so that all the audience can be accommodated and charge appropriately eg if a 300 seat venue costs \$2500, charge \$10 per ticket
- keep junior concert separate from senior concert as each concert would last approx 1.5 to 2 hours.

Action: Cindy will check out Chisholm College auditorium, Sue K the new lecture theatre at ECU and email Shaun with details with cc to Penny

Shaun distributed draft **events calendar** for Term 3 which includes several Festivals in which our ensembles will compete. He will add missing items, whether the event is morning, afternoon or evening, distribute to all music ensembles and email to Penny for mailing list distribution. There are approx 12 events this term so teachers are very busy.

If any of our ensembles win or receive a certificate in one of the Festivals, each member of the ensemble will receive a colour copy of the certificate. **Action:** Penny and Kerry to organise through the school admin office.

For the senior concert in September, Cindy suggested that parents of junior ensembles help out, and vice versa for the next junior concert, so that parents with performers can relax and enjoy the evening. **Action:** Penny to note for next meeting.

2.2 Art Auction 20 June – feedback showed that the Art Auction was as financially successful as last year with each group (SVAPA and Music) making approximately \$8000 each. The committee is planning a meeting next term to discuss improvements: change of venue to senior school area, establishing a food sub-committee, changing the day etc.

2.3 Stage piano –Shaun will follow this up before Senior Concert early September.

2.4 Dress code – after discussing the feedback from P&C meeting 23 June, we decided that Senior Concert Band and Choir will be informed at the beginning of 2009 that the official school uniform will be required for specific functions early in the school year ie Government House performance and the Prisoner of War and Indigenous Soldiers services. This uniform is:

- Long sleeved white school shirt
- School tie
- Navy pleated skirt and black tights OR navy long pants and black socks
- Black shoes

Action: Penny will:

- Contact Anne Tumak and ask her to photograph a boy and girl in this uniform eg Paul Kennedy, Emma Yan.
- Liaise with Suzie Barnes at the uniform shop about stocks of long sleeved shirts and ties for next year, and about a standard black shirt for other ensembles
- Draft information with photo to go to Senior Band and Choir members early in 2009.

2.5 Venues – Cindy has emailed Jess van der Ploeg regarding assistance in concepts for the music buildings. Jess is away, Shaun will follow up on her return. Shaun and Dr Irving are working together to obtain the status of “jazz school” for MLSHS which may help to give some weight to requests for a performing arts centre down the track.

2.6 New archive web-page – Karen outlined some difficulties with creating the web-page and gave an impressive demonstration of what is possible. After some discussion about the P&C vs the MLSHS website, it was decided that the school website would be a better vehicle for what we need. **Action:** Sue K will talk to the school and liaise with Karen to establish the archive web-page.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

- 3.1 Available funds of \$8120 from which the stage piano is to be bought.
- 3.2 One invoice for boxes for music scores is outstanding. Kerry will liaise with the company and Shaun to ensure that it is paid.
- 3.3 Motion to reimburse Shaun \$33 for printing of programmes for Middle School Concert because school colour printer was not working. (Moved Sue K, seconded Jo.)

4. MUSIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

4.1 Production of CD - Shaun has asked Paul Decinque and Craig Wallace-Gibb to give him a \$ figure for producing CD or DVD of the bands, and will seek support from the MSG to fund these. Apparently Jazz WA produce DVDs and may be a resource.

4.2 Year 7 auditions - are to be held for prospective Year 8s halfway through Term 4. Shaun requested that an information pack be available (as discussed previously) to go out with the acceptance letter to parents. This could include what ensembles exist, map of where music department is, dress code, dates of concerts and events, date of first MSG meeting, contact details of music staff, roles and responsibilities of music staff/instrumental staff, role of MSG, contact details of MSG, P&C website address AND how to be on the MSG mailing list. **Action:** Shaun and Penny to create content, Jo Penkin to make it look good.

This led to a suggestion for the next SIM night for Year 6 parents and students: have students playing the different instruments at the evening meeting.

4.3 Tour 2010 –needs to be thought through by Music Staff and admin.

4.4 Staffing - Jess van der Ploeg will be back shortly from leave; Dijon Summers remains here for Term 3; Melissa Loh will return Term 4. The school has not been able to find a replacement for the choir director yet. Shaun is leaving at the end of 2008 and the position has been advertised.

5. GENERAL BUSINESS

None

6. NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21 August 2008 at 7.30pm in the music building