

MLSHS Music Support Committee

Date: 8 February 2018

Penny Scott Music Room

ITEM	INFORMATION/DISCUSSION	ACTION REQUIRED	BY WHOM.WHEN
<i>Present:</i>	Michelle deRozario, Cheree Skewes, Amanda Humphreys, Andrew Lippiatt, Stephen Molloy, Mel Dowd, Gretta Littler, Sharyn Kerr, Priyanthi Harper, Silvana Posterin, Catherine Tabi, Shanping Chen, David Rose, Peter Byrne, Iain Bradley, Bernadette Bradley, Maggie Johns, Craig Woodroffe, Nirit Marom.		
<i>Apologies:</i>	Cam Brookes, Michael Forster		
WELCOME	<p>Stephen opened the meeting as proxy for Cam. As the AGM of this group, nominations called for the positions of Convenor, Treasurer and Secretary. Michelle gave a brief description of the history, purpose and benefits of the committee and the roles. Michelle and Amanda provided an overview of the Lawley Art Auction and encouraged all to become involved.</p> <p>Andrew Lippiatt was nominated for the role of Convenor by Amanda Humphreys, no other interested parties, seconded by Nirit. Emma has resigned from position of Secretary and nominations or volunteers called for. Bernadette Bradley volunteered and no other nominations or volunteers, so Michelle seconded this. Michael Forster is willing to continue in the role of Treasurer, if the committee is satisfied with his absence due to FIFO work commitments at times. All in support, with Nirit volunteering to support Michael in this role in his absence with her accountancy skills!</p> <p>Thanks to retiring members of the committee and all the excellent hard work provided to the committee. Andrew read out a statement from Cam which welcomed new parents and acknowledged the benefits of the group and the efforts of it's members, particularly this of long standing who left at the end of the year. Andrew also spoke about his positive experience of being a committee member. Cam's note is to be attached to the minutes.</p>		

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	Andrew welcomed all to the AGM and provided P&C registration forms, returned to him with the \$1 donation to ensure membership		
	Minutes from meeting of 23 November accepted Moved: Sharryn Kerr Seconded: Amanda Humphreys		
PREVIOUS BUSINESS			
Canvases for Music Room (Michelle)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A selection of 4 additional canvases have been made but printing has not progressed Highlighted previous canvases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large print-ready file format to be finalised Officeworks Malaga to again be approached for discounted large canvases Discuss with Serene re contact for discount as needed. 	Michelle and Amanda by end of term
End of year Sundowner	Successful event to conclude the school year for parents, staff and students, with many fine performances from students and surprise special guest alumni, Rick Steele. Held in the open area between the Music room and the Tricycle Theatre at sunset. Noted that this provides an opportunity for more opportunity for contemporary performances and smaller groups the the Music term concerts.	Plan for a 2018 reprisal	Michelle, committee
Update school website information on MSC	Amanda has spoken with John Pryor but no further progress since last school year. Andrew has offered to assist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New statement and description to include reference to Music @MLSHS Facebook page Updated photos to be organised 	Amanda and Andrew, 2018 goal
Scholarships for ATAR	No further discussion.	To continue for this year	
Arts events photography	Description of photography service was provided to new members of the group. Photos for the end of year Sundowner to be finalised.	Photos to be finalised and uploaded for access by Music parents	Amanda within 2 weeks
MUSIC DEPT REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 parents have entered MLSHS at a time when there has been significant disruption as changing IT system. Apologies for inconveniences expressed by Michelle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New concert dates and format to be finalised 	Michelle

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All instrumental classes should have been set up by next week. Reassured that if your year 7 student is not assigned to an ensemble as yet, it is not a problem and often takes a few weeks to set up after student acquires the right instrument/equipment and settles in. It is a skills-based Music system, so some Year 8 students may be performing in Senior ensembles etc. This can affect concert expectations - see below. There will be an additional junior concert band and a senior strings. Homework dairy provided by school will have dates of important Music events in, but note there will be some necessary changes. Historically there has been 2 Music concerts encompassing all ensembles. Most recent concerts were located at WAAPA Geoff Gibbs theatre for a variety of good reasons. Now exploring splitting the performances and including provision of smaller scale performances targeting jazz and contemporary music at Tricycle Theatre. The split aims to ease the pressure of having students present for both junior and senior concerts - a long long night for them. It is hoped this will make room for more performances without extending the night, as well as being less stressful for all concerned. Music concerts are not a fundraising event - we aim to cover cost, but the primary aim is to increase/improve students' performance experience. 		
TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Andrew presented Michael's report as of end of 2017: Cash funds of ~\$42000, committed funds ~\$19000 and available funds ~\$53000, so finances continue to be healthy. Minimal changes to this balance are expected. Discussed decisions made last year re committing \$30000 to be spent on items including equipment (new and upgrades). Please see below discussion re strategic planning. Acknowledged that whilst benchmark figures provided by Michelle for purchases with committee funds, cheaper alternatives will always be sought as well.</p> <p>Current Standing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2017 report will be completed soon now that Auditors report completed without problem via P & C. Whilst motion 138 carried to provide funding to the total of \$30000, individual items will be tabled and noted as motions within the committee If anyone is able to source cheaper items, has contacts or expertise in purchasing items, please let Michelle 	

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	<p>(figures attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cash book balance \$53000+ • Committed Funds \$19000+ • Available Funds \$53000+ • Please see Treasurer's reports for details. 	<p>know</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion 139: spend up to \$3000 for compacts delivery Moved: Nirit Marom • Seconded: Stephen Molloy, in relation to Motion 138 • Motion 140: spend up to \$600 for Conductor stools Moved: Nirit Marom Seconded: Cheree Skewes, in relation to Motion 138 • Motion 141: spend up to \$500 for a Conductors' podium Moved: Amanda Humphreys Seconded: Nirit Marom, in relation to Motion 138 • Motion 142: spend up to \$2000 to purchase Norton scores and recordings Moved: Sharryn Kerr Seconded: Andrew Lippiatt, in relation to Motion 138 	
<p>Future Strategic Issues for the Music Program</p> <p>- Music Enrichment ideas</p>	<p>Discussion re history of funds and long term plan provided by Michelle and Andrew for new committee members. Whilst committee funds are very healthy, it is noted that the only source of new revenue will be from Lawley Art Auction and this is not guaranteed - though expected. Discussed plans for new MLSHS Theatre and how although government funding for the building is anticipated/aimed for, we will need to source all Music equipment for this facility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarships to continue. Michelle has developed a wish-list, but additional ideas from the committee are welcomed. 	<p>Confirmed agreement to spend up to \$30000 during this year as per Motion 138 passed in 2017.</p>	<p>Michelle and committee members</p>
NEW BUSINESS			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Soiree 21st March targets year 7 parents and students to mix with SIM teachers, but all welcomed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with Languages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle and Andrew re

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	<p>Joint event with Languages. Michelle suggested Music stays external to Tricycle Theatre - weather permitting. Volunteers called for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue of monies remaining in a TryBooking account from 2017. • All present at the meeting introduced themselves and their child's involvement in the Music program. • A record of attendance was taken which included email addresses to be added to the Mailchimp account. It is noted that Year 7s are not on the mailing list as yet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andrew to organise drinks. Cheree to bring eskies. Andrew and Darren will manage bar (have RSA). Motion 143: spend up to \$500 to buy drinks including soft drinks and water. Moved: Andrew Lippiatt Seconded: Michael deRozario. Andrew may also be able to donate some wine. • Set up and clean up volunteers: Cheree, Gretta, Mel and Privanthi - to arrive at 5.15pm 	<p>soiree, further details to be confirmed at next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle to follow up with Andrew and Michael re monies
NEXT MEETING	<p>Date: Week 6, Term 1 7pm, Thursday 8 March 2018 Penny Scott Music Room</p>	<p><i>Please note: Please enter school through rear gate off Learoyd St as front gates will be closed.</i></p>	
Minutes	<p>Amanda Humphreys (handing over reins to Bernadette Bradley as incoming Secretary). Thank you to Emma for previous work with Minutes.</p>		

Cameron Brook's Departing Note To MSC

I'm very sorry not to be at the meeting but unfortunately I don't get to decide when WASO should rehearse. I'd like to thank everyone for coming, especially the new parents – it's great to have your support and involvement.

I'd like to thank everyone who was involved in the MSC last year, and in particular I'd like to thank a couple of people who contributed enormously over many years - Alan Kop and David Rose. Both of them were stalwarts of the MSC with a great knowledge of the history of issues, and we relied on their advice in many areas. The very healthy state of our balance sheet and what that will enable us to achieve in support of the Music program is largely due to them. I'm sorry I didn't get to thank them properly at the end of a very long last meeting of 2017, but I hope we can at least minute our appreciation of their efforts.

I'd particularly like to thank Emma Ellis for her fabulous work as secretary last year. She turned up at last year's AGM as a new parent and with no preparation (or time to think about it and say no) and was thrust into the role. We now have an organised framework for preparing agendas and minutes, and our communications via MailChimp are smooth and effective. Although whoever takes on the role of secretary will have big shoes to fill, the role of secretary will now be a manageable job - and I'm sure that Emma will provide a comprehensive hand-over and advice if needed.

We've been lucky to have a very efficient and reliable treasurer in Michael Forster, and although he feels a bit awkward about his current FIFO commitments it hasn't affected his ability to keep track of motions, expenditure and relationships with the P&C and the school admin. Personally I am very lucky to have had the support of Michael and Emma - I couldn't have done the job without them and the MSC has benefitted enormously from their great work.

I'd like to thank Michelle and her great staff - the biggest supporters of the music program at Mt Lawley are the staff who put in far more work and passion than they are paid for. The music program will always have greater aspirations than the practicalities of budgets and logistics allow - we need leaders like Michelle to keep the dreams alive.

There are many more people who should be thanked but if I do so individually you'll be there all night, so I'll just offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the MSC last year. We should be very proud of what we achieved, and I'm sure the MSC will continue to provide a wonderful assistance to the Music program at MLSHS.

Good luck and thanks for your time,

Cam