



Notes

A monthly compendium of news and notes from the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association meeting.

Sept 28, 2007

Notes from the meeting held Sept 28, 2007

First meeting of the season was held at Christine Gillespie's - great turn out! Thanks to all who attended, brought goodies, and participated, and to Connie Masson who chaired the business portion of the meeting. Special welcome to new members in attendance, Anne Martin and Judith Quinlan.

New Meeting Plans

We have a new system, adopted by consensus, for our monthly gatherings. The system will see us alternate business meetings with professional development/social sessions, so as to not "try to do it all" at every meeting.

New month's meeting will begin with piano by Ann and David, to be followed by a discussion about teaching adult learners - techniques, tips, and challenges. Bring both your headaches and what works!

This system may mean that more work will be done by a "core group" or executive; for instance, they may need to conduct business in the gaps between business meetings. To begin to prepare for that, the current group has agreed to write descriptions of current and needed (but not currently filled) positions, and at the November meeting we'll all review them, and begin to fill in the gaps. Most core group work will be done by email, so as to not add additional meetings to our lives!

Financial Affairs and Budgets

The meeting concluded with a motion of thanks - unanimously applauded by all - for the work done by **Ruth Williams** in keeping the books. Brava! Ruth presented a budget for the coming year which included a separate fund for bursaries and awards. The meeting has decided to allocate \$1500 to this year's bursary and award fund, and reserve \$200 for print advertising in the educational supplement of the papers, as well as allocate \$800 for the website.

Student Bursaries

Of the \$1500 in this year's budget for bursaries and awards, \$725 is available for distribution by the committee of Brenda B., Ann M., Anne Martin, Trisha D to applicants chosen from those who have submitted forms by Oct. 15th, 2007. Please encourage your students who may be candidates to apply. (downloadable form is on the website.) Fundraising to be discussed in November.

Next meeting -

Ann Mendenhall's, 9:30 October 26th. Please call Ann for directions if you've not been to her studio. 748- 8196

Misc. Notes from meeting

Results of our meeting with Joan Wilson (music festival) - discussion about all of our points had been deferred to their September planning meeting. This was not discussed at the meeting - now on the November agenda.

History of Music series - The Renaissance has been postponed to October 2008.

Cowichan Valley Music Festival has set Piano classes to begin 3rd week of February. Syllabus is now out!

Name Change? Had been suggested, to align with the website address, but the group decided to keep the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association with the existing logo.

Eleanor has agreed to be our Librarian, holding copies of music for use or distribution.

Sue Doughty told us of a planned weekend sponsored by St. John's Anglican church with **Roger Jones** who writes "church musicals", March 15/16 '08. She is looking to assemble a choir for the event which she hopes will become an inter-church affair. If you are interested in participating, let her know.

Ann Mendenhall has become involved in St. Michael's Presents, taking over the concert organizing from Rachel and Dwight who began the Chemainus-based series with an intent to offer performing opportunities to Island musicians. The new season has been announced - details on the www.cowichanmusicteachers.com website. First concert is this Sunday (below for details).

Trisha Daniell reports that the RCM is offering free hour-long workshops in conjunction with the exams session. We have asked her to request one for us in January, topic to be determined. Suggestions, please contact Trisha.

Upcoming Concerts and Events - more info at: www.cowichanmusicteachers.com/newsletters/news.html

Sun. Sept 30, 7 pm St. Michael's Presents... Jamie and Laurie Syer, "France: a Musical Feast" Chemainus

Sat. Oct. 27th Strauss Masked Ball. Cowichan Consort Orchestra fundraiser.

Sun. Oct 7, 7 pm St. Michael's Presents... Josh Lane, pedal harp concert.

Let's build the Cowichan Valley Music Teachers Association

Remember to check past issues, and find a teacher or their phone number at www.cowichanmusicteachers.com Tell your colleagues!