



November 15, 2022 - **BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Katharina Mertens - Tropper
Director & President

John Pazzano
Director & Vice president

Yaritza Martinez
Director & Treasurer

Nadia Bruni
Director & Secretary

Raluca Magdas
Director

Gaitri Singh
Director

Maria Pazzano
Director

Linton Soares
Ex-Officio Member

Lisa Tonelli
Ex-Officio Member

Ray Sanborn
Ex-Officio Member

Anita Anton
Ex-Officio Member

**Registered Charity #85619
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Meeting time and Location

November 15, 2022 - Microsoft Teams

Directors present:

Katharina Mertens-Tropper, Yaritza Martinez, Nadia Bruni, Raluca Magdas, Maria Pazzano, Carmen (CSPC)

Regrets:

John Pazzano, Gaitri Singh

Ex-Officio and Guests:

Linton Soares, Lisa Tonelli, Anita Anton

Minutes taken by:

Nadia Bruni

Introductions of FRIENDS Board members and CCAA Administrative Staff

1. Welcome remarks (Katharina)

- Prayer – by Yaritza
- Approval of October minutes 1. Maria 2. Yaritza
- Katharina will be stepping down as President

2. School update – (Linton Soares)

- Thanks to FRIENDS for welcoming the new admin team
- They are appreciative of all the support and help
- Audition Day - 350 students auditioned
- Offers will be sent out in a couple of weeks
- Open House welcomed 900+ people/500-600 families that came through the school
- Super job by staff and students as they led the Open House
- Student achievement – reports will be sent home this week and interviews will be next week
- School closure due to CUPE strike – Parents and staff were flexible
- School events continue back to normal
 - Drama – Mamma Mia
 - Dance - Nutcracker
 - Music – Lessons and Carols; Band, Strings, Vocal nights
 - Visual Arts – in early January



2. School update continued (Linton)

- Parent Teacher Interviews, November 24, 25, 26, 6-8 pm – parents can sign up via the app; info is in the report card
- 4 pillars: Academic, Arts, Faith and Wellness
- Dance dept. – In the Making next week; Tickets can be bought through School Cash Online
- Auditions – greatest number of students that auditioned to come to CCAA were for the Visual Arts department. Demographics are changing, and competition is high. CCAA used to be the only Art School, but now there are many options for students (TDSB, York and Durham Regions).

3. Treasurer Update (Yaritza)

- October 4, 2022 Balance - \$ 11,131.64
- 1. \$960.00 Canada Helps on October 14, 2022
- 2. \$240.00 Canada Helps on November 14, 2022
- November 15, 2022 Balance - \$12, 332.60

4. Plaque Update (Maria)

- Plaques are made. They need to be picked up and installed in the theatre.
- Updating poster for upcoming events.
- It will be included in the Nutcracker and Christmas concert programs

5. Website Update (Raluca)

- October minutes are posted
- Winning numbers from the Spring events are posted
- COVID information has been removed
- Academic awards – names of recipients from Grade 8 and Grade 12 are needed
- Fundraising money – 2021/2022 – Ask Dorothy if we have the list
- Update information for upcoming events and repost on Social
- Make a visual for a fundraising campaign to put on the home page



6. Social (Katharina)

- Reached out for volunteers and heard back from a Grade 11 student, Vivian. Students will get volunteer hours for assisting.
- Katharina will be stepping down. Maria has offered to shadow to continue in this position. Lisa Tonelli, VP will help as well
- Content is from Art program, music clips, art pieces, etc.
- Posted that we are recruiting new FRIENDS members
- Carmen will spread the word at the CSPC meetings.
- FRIENDS and CSPC are separate groups, and roles need to be clear

7. Open Items

- Teacher request list - FRIENDS to vote on items identified. CSPC to contribute as well as in previous years historically
- Cheque in 2020 - \$2500. (Raluca is waiting on list of purchases in 2020)
- CSPC did not donate last year
- FRIENDS focus is funds for the Arts at CCAA. CSPC funds the whole community.
- CSPC asked teachers for items they can fund, under \$300.00.
- Anita – new cover needed on display case outside or a sign for the school
- Maria – needs info from some of the groups that were surveyed in the spring, and then some things were changed in the fall
- Piano that was donated to the school has arrived. A support is being made as the 6 legs of the piano are antique. Cost is unknown.
- The Yamaha piano was donated to the CEC.
- Drama is using the theatre Clavinova, but they still need their own.
- Budget needs to be voted on by the CSPC. It is on hold as CSPC members are not clear on the function of FRIENDS.
- There needs to be FRIENDS presence at the CSPC meeting,
- Brunch will be discussed at the December meeting

AGM: January 17, 2023 This will be a longer meeting. Vote during AGM, followed by regular FRIENDS meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6 @ 7:30 pm



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