
Meeting Minutes

Alice Jamieson Girls' Academy Fundraising Association

Date: Dec 12, 2024

Meeting Called By: Bill Weaver

Time: 7:00 PM

Location

: Virtual - Zoom

PRESENT

Bill Weaver (Chair)

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Michele Feragen (Vice Chair)

Shivi Thusoo (Treasurer)

Lesley Kalmakoff (Secretary)

1. Welcome (Bill)

Minutes from Nov 6 2024 are pending approval.

Motion: Michelle moved to approve minutes from Nov 6 2024. Seconded by Shivi. Approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – AJA Casino Account, AJA Non-Casino Account (Shivi)

Update as of Nov 30, 2024

AJA Non Casino Account

\$6,697.15 Unallocated

\$3,300.00 Pre-approved

\$9,977.15 Balance

AJA Casino Account

\$42,805.95 Unallocated

\$37,966.59 Pre-approved

\$80,772.53 Balance

3. Old Business

1. Update on Casino Fundraiser Feb 12-13 2025 (Mary Grace)

- Sign ups are low so far, but we are at the beginning of recruitment and have time to find volunteers

Action: Mary Grace will promote this at the Renfrew Community Casino next week, and will email folks who volunteered last time

2. AGLC Annual Financial Reporting (Shivi)

- The report for AGLC is done. Bill has signed. Report will be submitted to AGLC early next week, which is ahead of the Dec 31 deadline.

- The tally was accurate, showing the spending, and tracking how funds are dispersed.
- We expect to hear back late January.

4. New Business

a) New funding requests (Bill)

1. Volleyball Team Jerseys \$1078.15

- These stay with the school/team, and aren't for the kids to take home
- This is funded with casino under academic

Motion: Michelle moved to allocate \$1078.15 to support volleyball jerseys. Seconded by Shivi. Approved.

2. Swimming Lessons \$403.45

- Subsidy and buffer makes it a \$20 cost for students
- Suggestion for a subsidy of \$200 rather than \$100. Keeps the student cost at \$20 each, but gives more room for supporting families who are in need.

Motion: Michelle moved to allocate \$503.45 (including a \$200 buffer) to support swimming lessons. Seconded by Shivi. Approved.

3. Fitset Ninja Field Trip \$510

- two buses to attend the field trip
- connected to fair play, offer activity not available at the school, and build physical ability
- no information on whether the cost of the field trip will also be asked of us. So far the request is just the bus.
- Questions were asked about the closer venue of CoreFit in Bridgeland, which may be walkable

Motion: Mary Grace moved to allocate \$510 to support Fitset Ninja Field Trip. Seconded by Michelle. Approved.

4. AJA Program Ads and Open House \$1144.50

- Questions about likely attraction of south Calgary families, given that those families might rather be looking at the other existing girls program
- Perhaps there are other ways to advertise, including community newsletters, with a focus on local communities. It was noted that there isn't a high degree of awareness that this program is here in this school.
- We'd like to understand the strategy of focusing on the south area more. Perhaps we can ask for more information from the school or at the next School Council meeting
- Funds would likely be from misc – Shivi noted we likely have budget room

Action: Bill to follow up with Krista to understand more about the strategy, are there funds available from CBE to help fund this, and did enrollment increase from the targeted area based on the last time this advertising happened.

Motion: Shivi moved to allocate \$1144.50 to support Advertising Signs for AJA pending further information from the school about the above questions. Seconded by Michelle. Approved.

5. Sound System (ask is 50% of \$1716)

- SJ has approved their half at their last meeting, so this ask is \$858 from AJA.
- Upgrades to the system were made last year, and this ask represents additional equipment to expand and further improve.
- Includes things like mic stands, clips, mixer, and cables
- Funds would be from arts funds, which will be boosted by the 2025 casino funds. This support might require a budget adjustment to fund

Action: Bill will ask Krista how much of the science budget allocation we should sustain for upcoming asks.

Motion: Mary Grace moved to allocate \$858 to support the Sound System equipment ask. Seconded by Michelle. Approved.

6. Music Program (ask is 50% of \$1723 (\$861.50))

- Music is part of the curriculum so this ask would be funded from either arts or academics funding allocation. This is different than Band because it is elective.

Motion: Shivi moved to allocate \$861.50 to support music equipment as requested. Seconded by Michelle. Approved.

7. Gift Cards for Families in Need \$250 (pre-approved)

- This is something we support every year. We budget for more than this so we can support more.

Motion: Shivi moved to allocate \$250 to support gift cards for school families in need. Seconded by Mary Grace. Approved.

Action: Bill will let Krista know that there is another \$250 pre-approved if the school needs it for this purpose

b) General Program Discussion (Bill)

- School Council meeting will be extended to virtual attendees.
- Next meeting is understood to be January 28 2025.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for February 12, 2025 7:00pm on Zoom. We will shift to February 4 at 6:30pm to avoid conflict with Casino dates.

Action: Lesley to communicate out the new meeting date/time for February's meeting.

Motion made by Michelle to adjourn @ 8:30pm

Table 1.0 – Summary of Funding Requests – Dec 12, 2024

#	Item	Amount	Association (Notes)	Motion	Second	Carried
1	Volleyball team jerseys	\$1078.15	Jerseys are kept with school/team, not to take home.	Michelle	Shivi	Yes
2	Swimming Lessons	\$503.45	AJA Students. This subsidizes the cost to bring it down to \$20 per student. \$200 buffer is to support families in need.	Michelle	Shivi	Yes
3	Fitset Ninja Field Trip	\$510.00	For 2 buses	Mary Grace	Michelle	Yes
4	AJA Program Ads	\$1144.50	For bold signs to advertise AJA Program and Open House	Shivi	Michelle	Yes
5	Sound System	\$858.00	Costs split 50% with SJ.	Mary Grace	Michelle	Yes
6	Music Program	\$861.50	Costs split \$50% with SJ	Shivi	Michelle	Yes
7	Gift Cards for school families in need	\$250.00	Pre-approved annual allocation	Shivi	Mary Grace	Yes