

Meeting Minutes

Alice Jamieson Girls' Academy Fundraising Association

Date: Oct 9, 2024 Meeting Called By: Bill Weaver
Time: 7:00 PM
Location: Virtual - Zoom

PRESENT

Bill Weaver (Chair)	Tara O'Donovan
Michele Feragen (Vice Chair)	Cate Hydeman
Shivi Thusoo (Treasurer)	
Lesley Kalmakoff (Secretary)	

1. Welcome (Bill)

Minutes from June 5 2024 will be considered for approval at the next meeting.

Welcome and introduction to the purpose of this association and decisions within its purview.

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

Outline of the two funding programs and the purposes of each, revenue sources, and differences between them.

Update as of Sept 30, 2024

AJA Non Casino Account

\$4,394.81 Unallocated
\$5,706.01 Pre-approved
\$10,100.82 Balance

AJA Casino Account

\$35,947.79 Unallocated
\$50,226.58 Pre-approved
\$86,174.36 Balance

- Pre-approvals from Casino account for 2024-2025 school year currently include professional development, library books for classrooms and learning commons, Directors/Officers insurance, families-in-need support, wellness day, bike/walk to school day, and teacher appreciation events.
- Reviewed the apportioned plan for using the Casino and Non-Casino accounts according to discussions with school and their learning leaders about a 2-year cycle of priorities. This includes academic (22.5%), band (15%), leadership (12.5%), art (2.5%), land-based learning (7.5%), IT (10%), science (15%), and misc. (15%) categories of priorities. This planning helps us ensure we are deploying the funding to priorities through the year, rather than first come first served. E.g. It was identified last year that the school would like 10K for new laptops in 2024-2025 school year, which is why we've kept these funds.
- Discussion about the use of the Go Fund Me - No Fuss Fundraiser site for raising funds for the Learning Grounds initiative. Important to specify that the funds were to be used towards this purpose. Have it open at a time distinct from the No Fuss Fundraiser, so there is no conflation. Alternative is a Education Matters program that takes a % cut but enables tax receipts to be issues for larger donations. This is something that is more of a community asset, rather than school specific. Communities might be interested in donating to this initiative beyond the school. Perhaps corporate sponsors as well. This initiative is a candidate for a lot of grant programs that can be applied for. Further requests for this initiative should come to this committee directly so that we're aware of the needs. https://www.instagram.com/stanleyjones_learninggrounds/?igsh=MW56enkwbTV5Y2RvZA%3D%3D

3. Old Business (Bill)

- a) Funding approvals by Board since last meeting
 1. School Council/Association Banner (email approval in June 2024) – Board members supported this as long as the Associations were mentioned on the banner as well as School Council.
 2. Elder in Residence for Land Based Learning – can use funds that were approved in January 2024 for LBL use

4. New Business (Bill)

a) New funding requests

3. Sound Kreation Residency
 - Hip hop 10 day residency
 - Was approved by SJ September meeting at 75% of the cost; ask of AJA is for 25% of the cost, based on student population breakdown (\$790.62)
 - This can come from arts and/or academic and/or PE funds

Motion: Shivi moved to allocate \$800 to support Sound Kreations Residency. Seconded by Tara. Approved.

4. School Grounds Committee – Account Set Up

- Setting up this account enables applications for variety of grants that can help with this initiative and to undertake fundraising
- May need further discussion on what category these funds come from, because there are many elements of the initiative, and this funding is just the set-up administration. It's important that funding isn't used for purposes that are covered by the school for its infrastructure.
- At this point it makes most sense to use LBL category for this.
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Motion: Michelle moves to allocate \$1250 to support Account Set up for Learning Grounds Initiative. Seconded by Cate. Approved.

5. Requests 5-8 - Science Lab Furniture and Supplies

- Maker cart, drill kits, Strawbees kit and prototype supplies
- We are interpreting the request for 1-2 as if it's ideal for 2 if we have the funds.

Motion: Tara moved to consider these requests altogether, with 2 of the drills and strawbees. Seconded by Shivi. Approved.

Motion: Tara moved to allocate \$3557 to support Science Furniture and Supplies, including 2 drill kits, and 2 Strawbees kits. Seconded by Shivi. Approved.

9. IT/Laptops

- The details of this ask are coming, but the amount is the same. May include new laptops or other IT equipment.
- We will defer this request until we have more detail, which is forthcoming from the school.

b) 2025 Casino Update (Bill)

Mary Grace is actively working on organizational paperwork, identifying 2025 dates (Feb 12-13 2025), location, retaining advisors, and signatures from board members.

- Please start sharing around that we will need sufficient volunteers to cover the required shifts.
- Noting these dates are close to family day weekend

5. Adjournment

Thank you for the participation of everyone in this meeting tonight. Next meeting scheduled for November 6, 7:00pm on zoom.

Motion made by Shivi to adjourn @ 9:00pm

Table 1.0 – Summary of Funding Requests – Oct 9, 2024

#	Item	Amount	Association (Notes)	Motion	Second	Carried
1	Council/Association Banner design and printing	75.00	Split 50/50 with SJ	-	-	Yes, by email June 27 2024
2	Elder in Residence	1000.00	Can use portion of \$3400 funding that was approved at January 2024 meeting	-	-	Yes
3	Sound Kreation Residency	800.00	Split 75/25 SJ/AJA	Shivi	Tara	Yes
4	Account Set Up for School Grounds Committee	1250.00	Split 50/50 with SJ	Michelle	Cate	Yes
5	Lab Furniture - Maker Cart	1377.00	Ranges between \$1040-1377	Tara	Shivi	Yes
6	Science Supplies – Drill Kits	280.00	Asking for 1-2 @ \$140 ea.	“	“	Yes
7	Science Supplies – Strawbees Kit	1400.00	Asking for 1-2 @ \$700 ea.	“	“	Yes
8	Science Supplies – Prototype Supplies	500.00	Covers 5 classrooms	“	“	Yes
9	IT (e.g. laptops or other)	10,000.00	We will defer this pending more details that are forthcoming	-	-	-