

Meeting Minutes – Regular Meeting

Alice Jamieson Girls' Academy Fundraising Association

Date: January 31, 2024

Meeting Called By: Bill Weaver

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Virtual - Zoom

PRESENT

Bill Weaver (Chair)

Erin Lottermoser (Vice Chair)

Shivi Thusoo (Treasurer)

Lesley Kalmakoff (Secretary)

Mary Grace Linton (Casino)

1. Welcome (Bill)

Approve meeting minutes from December 6, 2023 – Moved by Shivi. Mary Grace seconded. Approved.

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

Update as of December 31, 2023

AJA Non Casino Account

\$1,859.39 Unallocated

\$7,289.54 Pre-approved

\$9,148.93 Balance

AJA Casino Account

\$83,945.76 Unallocated

\$17,565.93 Pre-approved

\$101,511.69 Balance

3. Old Business

a) Funding Requests Carried over from last meeting (Bill)

- Discussion about whether the Activate YYC grant could be a funding source for the school gaga ball pit. Could be a candidate if it is permanently outside/available to the community. Good opportunity to incorporate it into the school yard landscaping plan.

Action: Mary Grace to share information on other potential grant programs and share the estimated costs from the Community Association gaga ball pit.

Action: Erin and Shivi to prepare a grant application for an outdoor permanent gaga ball pit.

Action: Lesley to add back to the list of requests the outstanding band request of \$2500. This was accidentally dropped from the tracker in the agenda for today's meeting.

- Managing fund allocations is a multi-year exercise with a mind to future asks, and ensuring there are sufficient funds to serve priority needs
- Reviewed adjusted spreadsheet following approved funding requests at December 6 meeting – looking at which have remaining allocated funds and which are oversubscribed, or would be if the 2023-2024 ask is fully funded.
- Adjusted the Indigenous Drumming to be under the arts program rather than LBL, as it is more appropriate in that category.
- Funding the lab furniture would fully allocate the budget for this and next year. Unsure if that is desirable.

Action: Bill to:

- confirm with school if the LBL field trips are still an option for this year, given timing
- ask the school to confirm the science lab furniture quote
- note to the school that we have limits on LBL funding for next year

Motion by Shivi to approved up to \$3400 (\$2100 from Arts for 2023-2024, plus LBL funding) for the purposes of the Arts and LBL asks, providing flexibility to choose from items 2, 3, and 4 on page 2. Seconded by Mary Grace. Approved.

Motion by Shivi to fund two items of science lab furniture, at the school's choice. Seconded by Erin. Approved.

Motion by Shivi to fund the remaining \$2500 of band requests. Seconded by Erin. Approved.

4. New Business

a) New Funding Requests (Page 2 of agenda) (Bill)

- No fuss fundraiser will be emailed to our distribution list and shared through handouts and sandwich boards and newsletter. The new funding request is the cost of printing materials to raise awareness of the campaign.
- Winter Walk day – requests for snacks for the event day in February, organized by the Traffic Committee
- Discussion about team athletic wear for school sports competitions and to demonstrate team cohesion, based on observations of other teams at recent sports events. Casino funds are possible for this use. The attire would stay with the school at the end of the season. There are 50 students are on sports teams, so the ask could be up to \$500 to help with accessibility as needed. If athletes want to keep the items, we could offer a discount.

Motion by Shivi to approve \$125 for Winter Walk. Seconded by Erin. Approved.

Motion by Shivi to approved \$100 for No Fuss Fundraiser Promotion. Seconded by Mary Grace. Approved.

Motion by Shivi for either 500 non-casino funds or 1000 casino (Leadership) funds for sports wear attire subsidy. Seconded by Mary Grace. Approved.

Action: Mary Grace to determine the best funding source for sports attire by checking casino funding rules.

5. Adjournment

Next meeting scheduled for February 28, 2024. 7:00pm, Virtual.

Motion made by Shivi to adjourn @ 9:00pm

(For reference, subsequent meetings in 2024 are currently set for February 28, March 27, April 24, and May 22, all starting at 7:00pm)

Table 1.0 – Summary of Funding Requests – January 31 2024

#	Item	Amount	Association (Notes)	Motion	Second	Carried
1	Science – Lab furniture	9,207.98	AJA			
2	LBL - Field Trip – Blackfoot Crossing	3400	AJA (\$3400 approved with flexibility to use it for items 2, 3, and 4)	Shivi	Mary Grace	Yes
3	LBL - Three Local Site Visits		AJA	“	“	“
4	Arts – Indigenous Drumming and Storytelling		AJA	“	“	“
5	Gaga ball pit	3,150	SJ/AJA (6300 split between SJ and AJA. (SJ has approved their half)			
6	Winter Walk Day	125	SJ/AJA (250 split between SJ and AJA)	Shivi	Erin	Yes
7	No Fuss Fundraiser Promotion	100	SJ/AJA (200 split between SJ and AJA)	Shivi	Mary Grace	Yes
8	Band (2500 in remaining asks around in school clinicians, band camp, Red Deer festival)	2500	AJA	Shivi	Erin	Yes
9	Athletic wear subsidy	500 or 1000	AJA (up to 500 from non casino funds or up to 1000 from casino funds)	Shivi	Erin	Yes