



PYM Meeting: Monday March 27th 2023

Present: Tim Arnold; Richard Brown; Jay Buckle; Dilys Thomas;

Apologies: Joan Ingarfield

1. DMS

Charging for instrument hire: PILS and DMS should charge the same amount.

DMS offer children who have received DMS musicianship teaching (usually Year 3) an instrument for a year for no charge as long as the school can find a teacher. JB feels that it is a pity it's restricted to just those children, and it sets up a disparity between those children and others who they may be learning alongside, but she has made the point to Pili and hope DMS may come up with an alternative. Instruments are available from both sources.

DMS has set five criteria for pupils to be eligible for financial support. Too complicated at the moment, as agreed by teachers; Clair and Pili have agreed they need to re-formulate criteria, and tailor the offer so that it can also be used to support students of non-DMS teachers.

DMS has also promised funds for ensembles etc - **Tim** and **Jay** to collate the various threads for another email to Clair.

2. Payments & PYM Financial Support

Tim will follow up late payments for brass students and woodwind groups.

Tim will set up a new case-file system to streamline the process of offering financial help where needed. Each case-file will be started with an online Application for Funding form, initiated usually by the tutor. We will also backtrack any missing payments for our teachers.

3. Safeguarding

Richard has drawn up document using PAW example.

All DMS tutors need Safeguarding DBS level 2.

Jay, Tim and Dilys all going through DBS application now.

4. Insurance

We need a clause re-inserted into the PILS constitution and application process to make all PILS loans require non-voting membership of PYM. They can then be covered under the combined PYM/PILS insurance policy.

5. Woodwind

Tammy joined the meeting. Her groups have been going well. She will do follow up letters to all pupil participants. Jay advised to explain charges in her letter. **Tammy** to contact Joe to discuss charging.

Jay mentioned Beth's rôle to Tammy, which would be to assist in future with woodwind ensembles and administration.

Agreed that Jemma could cover ensembles in Swanage & Langton, Tammy the remainder.

6. **Brass:**

Ensembles underway with Joe and Gary. Schedule may be changed to Tuesday so more pupils can access.

To perform at PAW young musicians concert on July 3rd?

10 sessions per term. 6 in 1st half then 4 in 2nd.

£45 per session for tutors.

Joe to plan doing Assemblies at Wareham school in September possibly with Robb.

7. **Strings:** Successful folk violin groups started fortnightly in Swanage with Matt Tarling. Different style to classical format with learning by ear. A re-think is taking place about how to better manage age and ability range, possibly splitting into two groups.

A Launch of the CC Project is being planned for some time after Easter depending on availability of performers and Matt Tarling and a venue. Tony Viney is becoming increasingly frail.

8. **Other Matters:**

Jay and Dilys met Richard Jeffery at Sandy Hill Arts and heard about the Headingly Trust which funds music in Primary Schools. To be investigated further. Is **RB** happy to take this on?

Up coming interview with Laura Heathcote to take on violin teaching in the schools lacking string teaching and to start in summer term with demos.

It was agreed that the two primary schools in Wool would come under the PYM umbrella in future, whenever practical.

Possible Recitals /Workshops with Mogs Brass 5 - **Tim** to ask for costs.

9. **Next Meeting**

Date tbc.

Dilys Thomas
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