**Mel Bay Subcommittee**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2022 Minutes**

**Virtual Meeting**

**The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Zoe Perkins, Chairperson. In attendance: Zoe Perkins, Christy Beckmann, Rick Duplisse, Ellen Edman, Glenda Hares, Art McDonnell, Mark Braun, Bill Ruppert, Kyle Henke (Staff Liaison)**

**Not in attendance: Joe Walsh, Erika Whittaker,**

1. **CITIZEN COMMENTS**- There were no citizen comments
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 18TH MEETING-** Glenda made a motion, Art seconded. Minutes approved as written.
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Concert Update**- Zoe reviewed the bands that have been contacted by Paul Reuter which included John Pizzarelli, Tommy Emmanuel, LAGQ, Bepo Gambetta, International Guitar Night, New Orleans Guitar Masters, and local musician Billy Peek. Paul and Zoe also discussed a show of top local guitarists, but Bill Bay did not like this idea. New Orleans Guitar Masters are available for the December dates and have a fee of $5000. Paul will work with Tommy Emmanuel for a possible 2023 concert. Discussion included the desire to include Kirkwood High School music students to accompany a classical guitarist, Kirk Hanser as an opening act. (Perhaps playing Vivaldi’s Concerto for Guitar in D Major) Paul also suggested getting the KHS choral group or his Voyage to the Americas composition. Zoe will contact school to determine interest and availability. Bill suggested contacting Supe Grande who wrote the song Ode to Mel Bay. Zoe stated the need to keep things simple and not make it a stage hand show. It was suggested that Thursday, December 1st might be the better night. Since not everyone listened to NOGM prior to meeting, a decision will be made next meeting if they should be contracted for the concert. And after contact with high school and Kirk Hanser. Also suggested there be a two tier ticket pricing. It was acknowledged again that an MC might be considered.

**Scholarship update**-Brief discussion on whether the concert series will be a Mel Bay Series or just feature Mel Bay this year. If KHS participates we could offer a scholarship to the school.

**Marketing/timeline-** It was recognized that this needed to be done in the near future.

**On-line auction-** No discussion

**Introductory video-**No discussion

**Budget**-Christie to put an budget together based on a $5000 band fee.

1. **NEW BUSINESS**

Next Meeting Date –Wednesday, March 9, 2022

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**Chair:** Zoe Perkins

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