

MASTA W/NSOA Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2005
Executive Board Meeting: 11:00 A.M.
Full Board: 12:00 P.M.
Plymouth Education Park HS, Phase 3 Building
Plymouth, Michigan

Call to Order at 11:07 a.m. Members present: Valerie Palmieri, Kevin Miller, Steve Reed, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Kathleen Scafuri, Erin Hansen, Becky Bush, Kelly Kramer, Carl Gippert, Don Parrish, Diane Winder, Claire Charboneau, Geri Arnold, Rebekah Brown, Pam Phillips

Minutes (Stuart)- Minutes from August 2 and 3 meeting were approved, motion by R. Reed, seconded by Parrish. Amendments to previous minutes: All members should follow the procedures for Professional Development and Outreach grants fully in order to receive grants. No monies will be issued without proper application and approval process.

Treasurer's Report (R. Reed): July 1, 2005-September 31, 2005

Beginning Net Worth	\$42,425.54
Beginning Balance:	\$21,938.13
Deposits:	\$6,723.66
Disbursements:	\$14,474.82
Ending Balance:	\$14,186.97
Satellite Accts.	\$23,030.25
Net Surplus (LOSS)	\$7,751.16
Net Worth	\$37,217.22

Net Worth is lower than usual, however, Newsletter costs are higher than before, Elementary camp profits were down. Ideas to increase funds: more advertising revenue for Newsletter to offset the costs of printing. Also, donations made to the Marta Jurjevich fund will be paid out immediately. Report approved: motion by Palmieri, seconded by Stuart.

President's Report (Palmieri): Palmieri reported that MASTA's part of the MMC should cover costs of the board's stay at the conference. The Board should look into outlining more definite procedures for accounting in satellite accounts and Treasurer should be bonded. Research whether NASTA has a blanket account to cover our treasurer. President's report also encompassed motion passed regarding the Member at Large (see below). Palmieri also thanked Kevin Miller for getting word about the Marta Jurjevich fund to members and Dan Scott for publishing it on the website. Finally, she encourages all qualified MASTA members to become a judge for MSBOA events, even if you only judge one event per year.

Member-at-Large Report (D. Parrish): Report on status of new string programs in state: Parrish is working as a consultant for the Novi schools in beginning a string program. Northville Schools are interested in beginning a string program. Worked for Marshall Music fitting string instruments for Cadillac Schools, whose string program is in its second year. The Dexter schools' Orchestra Program is in its 12th year with great success. Dexter Community Orchestra is in need for string players and other wind and brass players. Brighton Schools has started an after school violin class. Pinckney Schools has a string program now as well.

Motion: The role of the Member at Large shall now include the duty of monitoring and where possible, mentoring, new string programs throughout the state. Motion given by R. Reed, seconded by Palmieri; motion passed.

Past President Report (Miller): Thanks to everyone who donated to the Marta Jurjevich fund. Over \$1600 was collected to help our former MASTA member.

President Elect Report (S. Reed): No report.

Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Bush/Johnson): There will be a new front cover logo chosen from submissions by students in Michigan. Chosen designer will receive \$50.00. Bush and Johnson recommend hiring out the process of layout for the newsletter. The editor will then be responsible for collecting articles and advertisements. Cover advertisements will be paid for in future editions by the advertiser. Bush and Johnson would like to thank the Board and Members for the opportunity to have served as editors.

B. Outreach (Gippert): No new requests for Professional Development Grants at this time. All allocated grant money was used in fiscal year 2004-2005. In the future, all incomplete grant applications will be returned to applicant for correction.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Kramer): Sessions and performance groups are lined up for Grand Rapids with confirmation letters going out soon. Honors Orchestra auditions will be held this week. Presiders are needed for MASTA sponsored events. Register for the conference online (you can sign up for the MASTA luncheon through online registration).

D. Membership (Scafuri): There are 468 MASTA members; 18 dual, 6 institutional, 11 life, 18 non-paying dual, 254 professional, 6 string industry council, 18 library subscription, 43 senior, and 94 student. 17 reminder letters were sent to those whose membership relapsed.

E. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): No report

F. Okemos Suzuki (Kesler): Will be held November 4th and 5th at Chippewa Middle School in Okemos. Brochures are in the mail.

G. MSBOA Liaison (Peterson): Janice Peterson is the MSBOA Liaison. Information about Fall Workshops has been sent. MSBOA needs more string adjudicators.

H. Elementary String Camp (Hansen): The dates for camp next year are June 16, staff training, June 17-19 1st camp, June 21-23 2nd camp. Hansen has requested recommendations for her eventual replacement within the next few years. The Elementary Camp and Junior High Camp will cover cost of storage unit, which should be built into budget. 2006 Budget approved with motion by Stuart, seconded by R. Reed.

I. Junior High String Camp (Stuart): Next year's camp dates are June 24, staff training and camp from June 25- July 1. The Elementary Camp and Junior High Camp will cover cost of storage unit, which should be built into budget. 2006 Budget approved with motion by S Reed, seconded by Gippert.

J. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Chamber Music Festival was a great day. This year's Festival will be held on Monday, March 7, 2006 and the Guest Ensemble for this year will be the Atlantic Ensemble from CMU. Mr. White from White Brothers has offered money in support of the CMF. Proposal made to pay director \$400 as part of budget.

Motion to approve budget made by Miller, seconded by R. Reed. Motion passed.

K. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): MYAF may face financial trouble in the future as MSBOA may pull out of the event. Granting institutions have also changed rules governing grants and MYAF no longer qualifies. MYAF is looking for high profile donors. To donate, contact Jennifer Reinstein. Miller Auditorium is unavailable for use for performances; Bernhard Ctr. Ballroom will be used instead. MYAF will be held on May 11-13, 2006.

L. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): The tentative date for the Troy Suzuki Workshop is April 1, 2006. May change to coordinate with John Kendall. Some changes will be in place: t-shirts will be optional. Motion to approve 2006 budget by Winder, seconded by S. Reed. Motion passed.

M. Solo Competition (Long): There will be a Solo Competition in 2007. Winners of the Chamber Competition will be invited to perform at the MASTA Luncheon.

N. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): John Kendall is living in Ann Arbor and is giving workshops call "Tuesdays with John." A satellite account has been set up to cover expenses. Every Child Can will be held in Grand Rapids.

O. Student Chapters (Miller): No report. Palmieri proposed continuing the tradition of giving a \$100 grant to each student chapter. Motion by Palmieri, seconded by Parrish. Motion passed. Student chapter help needed at MMC.

P. Website (Scott): Any information to be posted on the site should be send to Scott. It is up to members and committee chairs to get information to Scott.

Q. CPS (Brown): Brown wants to expand membership of private teachers in MASTA and get more people active in CPS. Brown will be giving a presentation on CPS in Grand Rapids at the MMC. She is in need of CPS adjudicators.

Old Business

A. Year of the Bass/Larry Hutchinson (Palmieri): MYDB was to promote interest in the double bass by students and awareness of the bass and its capabilities in teachers. This was in conjunction with the ISB Convention in Kalamazoo in June 2005. Many presentations and workshops were given through out the state as part of the MYDB.

New Business

A. 2007 Conference Preparation - Detroit (Pam Phillips): The National ASTA Conference will be held in Detroit on March 7-10, 2007 using the Renaissance Center and Orchestra Hall. Pam Phillips is the 2007 Conference Chair. Things MASTA can do to help: contacts for fundraising, students to play in master classes, volunteers from Student Chapters, submit requests to perform or present, volunteers needed for pre-event work, Presiders, Slogan ideas, contact other state organizations (MSBOA, MENC, ISB, Sphinx, etc.)

B. Other: American String Workshop (and all other professional development grants) scholarships must be applied for in advance of the event in accordance with MASTA Bylaws for Outreach Grants. Individual participants who are MASTA members are encouraged to apply for Professional Development Grants. Motion made by R. Reed, seconded by S. Reed. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart