

MASTA W/NSOA Winter Meeting
Thursday, January 19, 2006
Executive Board Meeting: 4:00 P.M.
Full Board: 5:00 P.M.
Amway Grand Hotel
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Call to Order at 4:15 p.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, Janice Peterson, Wendy Azrak, Anne Kearney-Looman, Dan Scott, Carol Smith

Minutes (Stuart)- Minutes from September 17, 2005 meeting will be sent for approval by executive board via email then published in newsletter, motion by R. Reed, seconded by Parrish.

Treasurer's Report (R. Reed): October 1, 2005-, December 31, 2005

Beginning Net Worth	\$37,217.22
Beginning Balance:	\$14,186.97
Deposits:	\$2,065.00
Disbursements:	\$1,053.83
Ending Balance:	\$15,198.14
Satellite Accts.	\$24,375.67
Net Surplus (LOSS)	\$1,011.17
Net Worth	\$39,573.81

The hope is that the MMC becomes self-sustaining. The goal is to have 1,000 walk-in registrations. There have been 1,200 pre-registered. There has been approximately \$4000 spent on MMC related costs, including Board Retreat. Our initial estimate was to spend \$6000. Motion to accept Treasurer's report made by Parrish, seconded by Miller. Motion passed.

Addition Treasurer information includes that now the Kendall Workshop and Chamber Music Festival have satellite accounts. Kendall Workshop has brought in \$3300 with expenses of \$542.62. Arnold and members of Tuesdays with John have not yet decided how to award the money made (will be awarded as scholarships). Also, discussion resulted in whether the Kendall Workshop should generate the 5% surplus for MASTA as all other endeavors.

President's Report (Palmieri): Two new string teacher graduates have taken advantage of the offer made by the board to cover membership. Leslie Scarlett and Ben Moy will be reimbursed. Jennifer Watkins also requested membership. Contact was made by NASTA regarding Detroit's hosting of the 2007 National Conference. Charles Burke initiated the paperwork necessary to arrange for the venue being the Renaissance Center and the Max Fisher Orchestra Hall. Palmieri would like to extend a special thanks to the staff of the DeVos Conference Center and Amway Grand Hotel for their gracious hosting of the MMC. Special thanks also go to Kelly Kramer for working so hard at making the First Annual MMC go so smoothly. It is very good to have the four major music organizations in Michigan working so closely to host such an undertaking as this conference. That alone is worth a lot. Special thanks are made also to Randy Luck for providing music for the Honors Orchestras taking place this weekend and for offering to house MASTA archives. Palmieri would like to see the MASTA table in the convention center at the MMC have ASTA books and other materials in the future.

Member-at-Large Report (D. Parrish): Novi School is continuing their intent to begin a new string program next year. Money is in place and instruments have been purchased. The two teachers beginning the program are band teachers who have been working closely with Parrish to design beginning lesson plans, etc. Parrish proposed that MASTA develops an outreach program to help those new to teaching strings.

Past President Report (Miller): No report.

President Elect Report (S. Reed): Reed announced the Teacher of the Year (Leslie Wimsatt) and the Administrator of the Year (Dr. Vashon).

Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Bush/Smith): The editors are finishing their term as Newsletter Editors. They have everything set up so that transition will go smoothly. The deadline for the next Newsletter is February 1st.

B. Outreach (Gippert): Carl Gippert has a new mailing address (1226 Thompson Ave., Port Huron, MI 48060). The Koch/Bedford and Andrea Talley's proposals have been approved.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Kramer): The MMC is ready to go and small problems are being noted and dealt with. For future events, presenters should prepare a brief introduction to their presiders before their sessions/concerts. Luncheon registration is not clear at this moment. Members should buy luncheon tickets at registration. Luncheon tickets are \$5 less than previous years. Motion was made to send a thank you basket on behalf of MASTA members to AMR (company managing the MMC). Motion made by Scott, seconded by Kearney-Loomis. Motion passed.

D. Membership (Scafuri): There are 490 MASTA members; 17 dual, 6 institutional, 11 life, 17 non-paying dual, 256 professional, 6 string industry council, 18 library subscription, 47 senior, and 108 student. 4 reminder letters were sent to those whose membership relapsed. Scott requested that new member's email addresses be forwarded to him.

- E. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): No report. Arnold requested that Blue Lake Suzuki host a Book One Training session this summer with Wendy Azrak teaching. She will get in touch with Kesler.
- F. Okemos Suzuki (Kesler): No report
- G. MSBOA Liaison (Peterson): Peterson will be meeting with the MSBOA String committee to discuss five and ten year goals. She hopes to address the changes that will be made to high school graduation requirements. She also will be working to encourage a higher level of connection between those who teach string classes and their MSBOA District String Chairs. Then she wishes to see even more communication between MSBOA and MASTA. Special thanks to all of those who sponsored Fall String Events, including the String Reading Day and the String Clinics.
- H. Elementary String Camp (Hansen): The dates for camp this year are June 16, staff training, June 17-19 1st camp, June 21-23 2nd camp. Mailing of applications will be coordinated with the Junior High Camp mailings. Both camps will send their applications together with an explanation/comparison sheet included. Recommendations are welcome for new staff. Hansen has requested recommendations for her eventual replacement within the next few years.
- I. Junior High String Camp (Stuart): This year's camp dates are June 24, staff training and camp from June 25- July 1. Mailing of applications will be coordinated with the Junior High Camp mailings. Both camps will send their applications together with an explanation/comparison sheet included. Recommendations are welcome for new staff. Some changes will be made to the Junior High Camp curriculum this summer. Coaches will be working with Chamber Groups and Counselors will be assisting them and the Music Director.
- J. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Chamber Music Festival will be held on Tuesday, March 7 at Michigan State University. The Atlantic Ensemble (piano quartet) will be in residence. The ensemble is made up of CMU and Tennessee Tech instructors. Applicants with non-US residents will be competing for comments-only.
- K. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): Alternate spaces for the large ensemble performances are still going to be used. Negotiations are in progress for an alternate site in 2007. The Executive Director continues to identify and apply for new outside sources of funding. The new Executive Director of one year will be resigning at the end of May. Winder wishes to know the motivation of those directors/teachers who attend Youth Arts Festival.
- L. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): The dates for the Workshop are March 31 and April 1. March 31 will have evening Master classes with John Kendall (violin) and Andrea Marttila (cello). The workshop will take place Saturday, April 1 with the Troy Bass Workshop.
- M. Solo Competition (Long): The Solo Competition will be held next year. Psarianos and Shar have increased their scholarship awards.
- N. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): 27 teachers participated in Every Child Can, hosted on Thursday, January 18 at the MMC, and it went very well. The course was taught by Geri Arnold and Wendy Azrak.
- O. Student Chapters (Miller): Miller feels that MMC registration is too high for college students. He will be monitoring how many college students came this year, but feels it will be down from years past. The following universities have MASTA chapters to our knowledge: U-M, MSU, EMU, CMU, WMU (?), Hope College (?)
- 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): No report.

Old Business

A. ASTA 2007 Convention (Phillips): The National Convention will be held March 7-10, 2007. Applications to present or perform at the 2007 National convention are due March 16. Plans are being made to include Detroit's music programs in the Convention and to bring advocacy to Detroit. There is a partnership forming with the Detroit Symphony, making this the first time there has been a major orchestra involved in a National Convention. Master class clinicians and keynote speakers are being contacted this month. Contact Pam Phillips with questions (phillipsfiddlers@aol.com)

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart