

MASTA W/NSOA Spring Meeting
Saturday, May 13, 2006
Executive Board Meeting: 10:00 A.M.
Full Board: 11:00 A.M.
Room 3004, Western Michigan University, Michigan

I. Call to Order (Palmieri): at 10:20 a.m. Members present: Valerie Palmieri, Steve Reed, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Erin Hansen, Kelly Kramer, Carl Gippert, Mark Kotchenruther, Rick Dapprich.

II. Minutes (Stuart): Minutes from January 19, 2006 meeting were accepted, motion by R. Reed, seconded by S. Reed.

III. Treasurer's Report (R. Reed): Third Quarter

Beginning Net Worth:	\$39,573.81
Beginning Balance:	\$15,408.14
Deposits:	\$8,286.70
Disbursements:	\$10,652.80
Ending Balance:	\$13,042.04
Satellite Accts:	\$40,955.28
Net Surplus (LOSS):	\$2366.10
Net Worth:	\$53,997.32

R. Reed created an electronic ledger in addition to the paper copy of the chapter's finances. This is the lowest the account has been as MMC Board member rooms were covered by the chapter and due to the costs of the Board retreat last summer. MASTA was reimbursed by MMC \$1,410.00 for the costs of EEC-Suzuki at the Jan 2006 conference. Next year MMC will pay the costs directly to EEC-Suzuki. The Newsletter has not been invoicing for the ads placed which has resulted in a loss of funds, but Dapprich and R. Reed are working that out. R. Reed is working on setting up online banking for the satellite accounts. Elementary Camp and Suzuki/Okemos need to get R. Reed as signatory on the accounts. R. Reed would like to see our fiscal year change. Camps take place at the change of the current fiscal year (July 1-June 30) and funds are nearly impossible to reconcile. Elementary camp is effected the most by this. We are on the same fiscal year as NASTA. R. Reed needs the camp ledgers to be current in July/August. A suggestion was to look into other state's camps to see if they can lend support to our request to change the fiscal year. Report approved with a motion by Kotchenruther, seconded by S. Reed.

IV. President's Report (Palmieri): Palmieri has been working on updating job descriptions for all Board positions and has put them on discs for all members as well as keeping an archive for the President. S. Reed now has a copy of all updated and non-updated job descriptions (except for the Board members who have not yet updated their job descriptions). We have three copies now of descriptions, for NASTA (National ASTA), MASTA President and the individual Board members. All board members are to keep a binder of the specific chairperson's pertinent information and have the state chapter's "black book" which has bylaws and job descriptions. Second, a requirement of NASTA is that all state chapters are do be incorporated. MASTA wrote the articles of incorporation in 1957 for NASTA but we now have to do the same for the state chapter. Palmieri is giving all incorporation materials to S. Reed. Needed are bylaws and articles of incorporation. Third, Livonia Schools are changing their curriculum to keep band starting in the elementary schools, but are starting strings in 8th grade. Finally, each association sponsoring the MMC is now having to pay (\$80) for it's president's parking for the conference in January. It was supposed to be free. In addition, MASTA has to cover the difference of the cost of the luncheon. Members were charged \$15, but the cost of the lunch came to \$20 per person. MMC coordinators were to have found sponsorship of the luncheon to cover the \$5 difference, but did not.

V. Member-at-Large Report (D. Parrish): No report.

VI. Past President Report (Miller): No report.

VII. President Elect Report (S. Reed): Leslie Wimsatt will be honored at MYAF, presented by Diane Winder. Motion passed with a motion by Kotchenruther and seconded by R. Reed.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Dapprich): Thanks to Becky Bush, Carol Johnson and Rob Reed for making the transition very smooth. There is a large budget deficit, as advertisers have not been invoiced for their ad placement. Some cost cutting measures will include bidding out the printing and mailing with the possibility of allowing printing company to place an ad to offset cost. The goal is to have a combination of quality and value in the Newsletter. He proposed increasing advertising rates which have not been raised since 2002 and going to advertising available as three issue pricing or single issue pricing (currently there is a two issue ad available). We currently have 12 advertisers, but Dapprich is going to work to increase the number. Motion to accept Dapprich's proposal to increase rates passed with a motion from S. Reed and seconded by R. Reed. Deadlines for the Summer Edition have been moved from June 1 to July 1 to make the Summer Edition come out in August (closer to the start of the school year). Meeting minutes, which have in past been published prior to Board approval will now be sent out one week before publication deadline to all Board members for their perusal. Any changes will be made before publication. Lack of response by Board members will indicate approval.

B. Outreach (Gippert): A request was submitted requesting a grant to purchase an instrument for a school district. The Board does not approve of funding the purchase of instruments, sheet music and other supplies for programs. The grants are designed to fund special programs, guests, events, etc. Gippert will be looking into the possibility of limiting the request dates for grants to April 1 and September 1, which is when most events take place and come back with a recommendation. Camp scholarships were awarded based upon a formula agreed upon by Gippert and Camp Directors based upon income and number of members in the household. Scholarships will exceed budget by a small amount but are

being amended to not award Elementary Camp scholarships to those in the least needy category, as the Elementary Camp is not as expensive as the Junior High Camp. Motion to award full scholarship for Elementary Camp outside of Outreach budget to a camper living under extraordinary circumstances (pending school district verification) accepted with a motion by R. Reed, seconded by S. Reed.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Kramer): Events for January's MMC will be scheduled on June 11. Events include presentations by Geri Arnold, Kathleen DeBerry Brungard, Judy Palac, Bob Phillips, Terses M Volk, Gabriel Villasurda, and Lynne Latham. Sessions being hosted by Leslie Wimsatt, Nick Kendall, and Geri Arnold are still in the planning stages. There is room for more sessions, especially repertoire demonstration groups. Paperwork will be accepted through June 11. May 15th was the deadline for MSBOA performing ensembles.

Discussions have occurred regarding the All-State Orchestra, addressing concerns including having materials available to orchestra participants. Hopefully this will be fixed for 2007. The luncheon during the past MMC went into the red, as the conference planners did not line up the sponsors Kramer gave to them. The conference planners, regardless of the fact that the location was more expensive than Ann Arbor, set the price of \$15 per person. Also, neither we, nor the hotel could get an exact accounting of participants from AMR. The hotel staff was very accommodating and made the event work. Kramer is proposing that the responsibility of the luncheon finances and accounting be returned to MASTA, not managed by AMR. The price of the luncheon will be returned to \$20. Kramer's position has increased from two meetings a year to twelve. We will be returning the Make and Take session and the titles of our sessions will start with "Strings: Title of Session." Next year's MMC registration deadline is December 1st. Kudos to Kelly for doing such a great job planning the conference.

D. Membership (Scafuri): There are 484 MASTA members; 17 dual, 6 institutional, 12 life, 17 non-paying dual, 261 professional, 7 string industry council, 18 library subscription, 50 senior, and 96 student. 30 reminder letters were sent to those whose membership relapsed.

E. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): Enrollment is almost full. They will be hosting piano and violin teacher training for books 1 and 2 (although not enough are signed up for violin book1). The teacher training isn't on either the Blue Lake site or MASTA website.

F. Okemos Suzuki (Kesler, P. Smith): Will occur during the first week in November.

G. MSBOA Liaison (Peterson): No report.

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. Hansen has a great staff lined up. The first camp is not fully enrolled, but the second camp is full with a waiting list. The camps will take place at the Howell Nature and Conference Center and the insurance is paid. Dan Scott will be replacing Erin Hansen and Amy Feldkamp will be replacing Sara Vanderpol.

I. Junior High String Camp (Stuart): This year's camp dates are June 24, staff training and camp from June 25- July 1. Camp will be held at the Howell Nature and Conference Center. Enrollment is down from last year and staffing is almost filled. All else is proceeding well.

J. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Chamber Music Festival will be held on March 6 at MSU and the guest ensemble will be the Merling Trio.

K. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): No report.

L. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): The workshop was a great success. There were 40 students registered for the Masterclass, six students played and 240 students attended.

M. Solo Competition (Long): The Solo Competition will be held this year in November.

N. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): \$6000 was raised from Tuesdays with John. Kendall would like the money to go for Suzuki Blue Lake Scholarships.

O. Student Chapters (Miller): Miller will be publishing an article in the summer MASTA Notes. CMU chapter sponsored four \$100 scholarships for the MASTA Junior High String Camp.

P. Website (Scott): It's been a great year. 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/Studio Teaching (Brown): No report.

IX. Old Business: Discs of job descriptions and backup files were given to all board members. Palmieri thanks the board for their support and passed the gavel (and Easy Button) to Steve Reed.

X. New Business: The next board meeting will be held on August 17th at Palmieri's house. There is a need to start work on next year's calendar. Meeting closed with a motion by Kotchenruther, seconded by Dapprich.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart, *Secretary*