

MASTA Spring Meeting
Saturday, May 12, 2007
Executive Board: 10:00AM
Full Board: 11:00AM
Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, MI

I. CALL TO ORDER (S. Reed): at 10:00AM. Members present: Steve Reed, Mark Kotchenruther, Jan Flower, Dan Scott, & Diane Winder.

NOTE: We did not have a quorum (<50% board members in attendance), therefore no official action was taken. All reports—written or verbal—were presented and discussed, but no votes were taken on any issues.

II. SECRETARIES REPORT (W. Stuart): Minutes were reviewed from January. S. Reed asked to change 4th line of IV (President's Report) from "compete" to "perform." Approval of minutes to be done via email.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT, third quarter (R. Reed):

Beginning Net Worth	\$44,349.84
Beginning Balance	\$15,267.49
Deposits	\$20,439.40
Disbursements	(\$6,612.49)
Ending Balance	\$13,826.91
Satellite Accounts	\$29,847.22
Net Surplus (LOSS)	(\$1,440.58)
Net Worth	\$43,674.13

Discussed: Moving banks from TCF to another bank; concern regarding current ending balance and ending balance of five years ago; concern also for money lost from MMC, and extensive pay for mileage to MMC meetings.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (S. Reed):

S. Reed reviewed insurance policies which apply to executive board and string camps. Policy will total \$1000 per year, which will be an additional yearly cost to MASTA. S. Reed announced that incorporation of MASTA is complete, and that as presidency changes so must the name on the official paperwork. Discussion also of increasing membership by seeking out MSBOA members and private studio teachers (we need to compile a list of private teachers for our own information). Production of DVD promoting string camps was discussed as well as expansion of student chapter involvement in MASTA. Finally, thank you notes are being processed to those organizations that were donors to the National Conference, and letters are being developed to send to outstanding donors who have not yet sent their donation.

V. MEMBER AT LARGE (Flower):

J. Flower has received some responses to an email that was sent to membership regarding program needs (assistance, advice, consultation, clinician). J. Flower is also searching for location of new string positions, open string positions, and lost string programs.

VI. PAST-PRESIDENT'S REPORT (V. Palmieri):

no report

VII. PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT (M. Kotchenruther):

M. Kotchenruther will develop set guidelines and criteria for Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year

awards so that there are clearer methods for nominations. Discussion also of possible “Distinguished Service Award” to be issued by board on a year-by-year basis as determined by the board.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Newsletter: written report stated that the next issue submission deadline is August 1, 2007. Advertising information/requests for 07-08 will go to current and potential advertisers in late May.
- b. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra: Donation to M. Jurgevitch not cashed as of yet, so it was discussed that a part of that money be redirected. Diane Winder moved and J. Flower supported the following motion: “Make special one time donation to EMU chapter up to \$400 for Katrina relief to be used for transportation costs of delivering donated instruments and supplies to New Orleans.” Vote will take place via email.
- c. Michigan Music Conference (V. Palmieri): no report
- d. ASTA National Conference (P. Phillips): written report stated that conference was a huge success. MASTA board was thanked again for their help.
- e. Membership (K. Scafuri): written report states that membership is up to 535 total. Reminder letters were sent to those whose memberships have lapsed. K. Scafuri has inquired about rebates for members from national office.
- f. Elementary String Camp (D. Scott): D. Scott is looking for more applicants to the camp. Enrollment as of this meeting was down compared to past years. Also discussed was the change of name for both camps to “MASTA camps: sessions 1 (grades 6-9) and 2 (grades 4-6).” Further discussion will take place at next board meeting. D. Scott presented ASTA Special projects grant information for creating promotional DVD.
- g. Junior High String Camp (W. Stuart): written report states that camp has filled up and that a wait list has started.
- h. Chamber Music Festival (A. Kearney-Looman): no report
- i. Youth Arts Festival (D. Winder): winner of MASTA Chamber music festival performed and board attended performance. D. Winder spoke about possible improvements to next year’s festival and ways to seek more funding due to state budget cuts and their effects on MYAF. Also discussed was formation of new MYAF band with different structure that would rely more on funding experts.
- j. Solo Competition (D. Long): written report provided update from recent national competition.
- k. Studio Teaching (R. Brown): written report contains updates on Certified Program for Strings (CPS).
- l. Suzuki Liaison (G. Arnold): no report
- m. Troy Suzuki Workshop (C. Charboneau): no report
- n. Okemos Workshop (M. Kesler): no report
- o. Blue Lake Suzuki (M. Kesler): no report
- p. Student Chapters (V. Palmieri): no report
- q. Website (E. Hansen/D. Scott): no report
- r. MSBOA Liaison (J. Peterson): written report contains information regarding upcoming Fall Middle Level Clinics, including repertoire selections and site locations.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: none discussed

X. NEW BUSINESS: MASTA retreat scheduled for 1:00pm on July 19, 2007 at Luck’s Music Library in Madison Heights, MI

XI. ADJOURNMENT: at 1:35pm

Respectfully submitted by
Mark Kotchenruther (in lieu of W. Stuart)
May 23, 2007