

MASTA Fall Meeting
September 22, 2007
Executive Board, 11:00 a.m.
Full Board, noon
Plymouth Canton High School, Phase Three Building
Plymouth, MI

I. Call to Order (S. Reed): at 11:15 a.m. Members present: Steve Reed, Jan Flower, Dan Scott, Mark Kotchenruther, Rick Dapprich, Wendy Stuart, Robert Reed, Valerie Palmieri, Kathy Scafuri, Linda Trotter, Nancy Koski, Ann Kearney-Looman, Carl Gippert. Student ASTA Chapter members present: Nichole Vasu (EMU), Brian Kolk (U-M), Bridgette Cripe (CMU), Erica Photiades (MSU), Emily Kenney (WMU).

II. Minutes (Stuart)- Minutes from the May meeting were approved after a motion was made by Scott and seconded by Flower. Minutes from the August meeting were approved after a motion was made by Scott and seconded by Flower.

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

Beginning Net Worth	\$115,155.99
Beginning Balance:	\$18,984.92
Deposits:	\$6,391.57
Disbursements:	\$5,019.25
Ending Balance:	\$20,357.24
Satellite Accts.	\$32,864.83
Net Surplus (LOSS)	\$1,372.32
Net Worth	\$53,222.07

Financially, we are doing well. Mileage paid to travel to MMC meetings is quite expensive. We are changing banks to National City. End of fiscal year balances are very misleading due to the balances in the camp accounts. Unfortunately the fiscal year ends while camps are in session. Report was accepted after a motion was made by Scott and seconded by Flower.

IV. President's Report (S. Reed): We received a plaque from NASTA for hosting the Friday night reception at the ASTA National Convention in Detroit. We have completed our first year of incorporation, which will be reinstated every fall. We have two liability insurance policies (at \$500 each per year); one is a general liability policy, the other covers board members and program directors. S. Reeds goals for the year: increase membership, increase MASTA attendance at MMC, continue to maintain/build upon strong financial stability, market and strengthen enrollment in the camps. He directed board members to review and revise job descriptions as needed (especially President, President-Elect and Studio Teachers).

V. Member-at-Large Report (Flower): MSBOA District 10 has two new teachers, Leslie Ziegler and Erich Hudson. If you know of new teachers, contact Flower. Flower will be meeting with Haig Avsharian to discuss how Shar can help start string programs in the state.

VI. Past President Report (Palmieri): Palmieri invited students from the University/College ASTA Chapters to the MSBOA Reading Session. During the morning, she met with the students to discuss their chapters' activities. Many expressed frustrations, including the predominance of MENC in the University setting. They are not really sure what the board does and what we can do for them. Each student chapter will have a representative send a report to Palmieri detailing their activities. The U-M chapter has energy by they don't feel that they know what is going on in the state. They meet several times per semester. MSU has a small number of music education majors and ASTA members. They plan and host an event every year (Bass/Viola/Alternative Styles, etc. Day at MSU). They have stiff competition with MENC. They would like support, ideas and financial assistance from MASTA. EMU has a small chapter that would like to help out more with what the MASTA Board does. CMU uses studio class time for meetings and they have the challenge of getting members involved due to competition with fraternities. WMU doesn't have very much going on currently; they have a lot of interested people willing to get involved without clear goals/events. Student chapter representatives are planning on meeting again in Lansing. Kotchenruther suggested having board members attend a student chapter meeting and talk to the ensembles about what being a member of MASTA can do for them.

VII. President Elect Report (Kotchenruther): Kotchenruther is setting up a Career Achievement award. Nominations will be made at the August board meeting by the executive board. The nominees will be voted upon at the September board meeting. There will be some clarification to the wording regarding qualifications for Teacher of the Year and Administrator of the Year. Nominations for board members are being sent to a committee chaired by Palmieri that includes Leslie Wimsatt and Bill Tennent.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Dapprich): There were significant delays getting the summer Newsletter out, including a change of printers, deadlines, late submissions, and late advertisements. The new printer (Lucks) will be very cost effective. Dapprich is taking over all financial control of the newsletter, including billing for ads. Our outstanding invoices come to ~\$8000 due to lack of clarity in reporting in the past. All clients will be invoiced, with the hope that we will be paid for past advertising. Dapprich will present a budget either at the May meeting (which works better fiscally) or at the next September meeting. The Membership Directory has been delayed due to NASTA issues. The fall issue deadline is October 1, 2007.

B. Outreach (Gippert): There have been no new professional development grants. The Outreach Grants have almost reached \$2500 budget. Outreach grant requests are within the usual category and have been approved. Zach Hardie, Double Bass, from Andover High School, has been recommended to the National Honors Orchestra. His situation should be monitored to see if assistance is needed. \$3000 in camp scholarships was awarded this summer.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Palmieri): Palmieri reported on string events at 2008 MMC. There will be five Orchestras performing during the conference. Conflicts between sessions and concerts were avoided as best as possible. Palmieri has been having a hard time getting Jeremy Kittel to commit to the conference. Ben Culver and Gabe Bolkosky are lined up to stand in his place if necessary.

D. Membership (Scafuri): There are 501 members (down 34 from May). The break down is as follows: Dual 15, Non-Paying Dual 17, Life 13, Professional 270, Senior 52, Student 99, Institutional Members 6, String Industry Council 12, School/Library Journal Subscription 15. There were 32 reminder letters sent to those whose membership had lapsed.

E. Elementary String Camp (Scott): Scott reported that camp went extremely well though very sparsely attended. His request for his second budget was approved after a motion was made by Palmieri, which was seconded by Arnold. The DVD about camps is almost completed and can be pressed for a cost of \$.91 per disc. Palmieri made a motion to find \$2000 to press the DVD, which was seconded by Flower. Motion passed. The DVD will be sent with the Newsletter if it is ready in time.

F. Junior High String Camp (Stuart): Camp was a great time with full enrollment. The cost of the site rental increases year by 5%. Due to increasing costs, a decision was made to increase the fee from \$400 to \$425, with the idea that the cost will not have to be raised again for several years. Palmieri made the motion to increase the cost of camp to \$425 while following the proposed budget. The motion passed with a second from Scott. Any extra surplus will go to offset possible future losses.

G. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Carpe Diem String Quartet from Columbus, Ohio is the guest ensemble this year. The past year's surplus was high due to lack of travel costs by guest artists. The costs will be higher this year. Motion to accept 2008 budget was made by Scott and seconded by Arnold. Motion passed.

H. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): No report

I. Solo Competition (Long): No report (no competition this year).

J. Studio Teaching (Koski): Please email ideas about the role of the Studio Teaching Committee to Koski. Send her any lists of private teachers. She would like to find out who the studio teachers are and then reach out to them to encourage membership in MASTA.

K. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): There is a shortage of trained Suzuki teachers. The National Suzuki Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN and will feature Dan Long, Anthony Elliott, and Diana Gannett. The EEC Course will be held at the MMC again this year.

L. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): Charboneau will be stepping down as chair of the workshop after this year. A final report from 2007 is needed, so the budget report has been tabled for the January meeting.

M. Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck): A report has been received by Rebeck (who recently took over the committee).

N. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): No report. Arnold encourages teachers needing Suzuki training to go to Blue Lake Suzuki. One can receive book one training in nine days versus the usual two weeks other places require.

O. Student Chapters (Palmieri): See Past President report.

P. Website (Scott): Scott requested \$79 for a program to design the website. R. Reed made a motion to grant the funds for the program that was seconded by Gippert. Motion passed. Scott recommends the use of Firefox to access new webpage.

Q. MSBOA Liaison (Trotter): There are 25 schools participating in the Mid-Level Clinics this fall. All-State Orchestra auditions will take place on Nov. 3 and 4. There will be a meeting of district string chairs (and all interested parties) at the MMC.

IX. Old Business: No old business.

X. New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m. (motion by Scott, seconded by Flower).

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart