

MASTA Winter Meeting
Thursday, January 24, 2008
Executive Board: 4:00 p.m.
Full Board: 5:00 p.m.
Amway Grand Hotel, Pearl Room
Grand Rapids, MI

I. Call to Order (S. Reed): at 4:10 p.m. Members present: Steve Reed, Mark Kotchenruther, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Val Palmieri, Anne Kearney-Looman, Geri Arnold, Carl Gippert, Kathy Scafuri, Diane Winder, Jan Flowers, Dan Scott, Linda Trotter and special guest, PA ASTA President, Robert Gardner.

II. Minutes (Stuart)- Minutes from the September meeting passed with a motion from Kotchenruther, which was seconded by Palmieri. A correction was made to the September minutes to reflect that the Treasurer's report was for the First Quarter to date. Full board approved minutes with a motion from Scott, seconded by Winder.

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

First Quarter

Beginning Net Worth	\$115,155.99
Beginning Balance:	\$18,984.92
Deposits:	\$25,376.49
Disbursements:	\$9,071.34
Ending Balance:	\$16,305.15
Satellite Accts.	\$32,927.60
Net Surplus (LOSS)	(\$2,679.77)
Net Worth	\$49,232.75

Second Quarter:

Beginning Net Worth	\$49,169.98
Beginning Balance:	\$16,305.15
Deposits:	\$17,752.05
Disbursements:	\$16,935.56
Ending Balance:	\$17,121.64
Satellite Accts.	\$30,761.82
Net Surplus (LOSS)	\$816.49
Net Worth	\$47,883.46

The chapter is doing well. Miscellaneous disbursement (on report) due to the transfer of accounts to National City Bank, including \$1000 seed money for MASTA Notes. Report approved with a motion by Flower, seconded by Palmieri. Full board approved minutes with a motion from Scott, seconded by Winder.

IV. President's Report (S. Reed): Thanks to Palmieri for the MASTA sessions at the MMC. Reed encouraged all to visit the exhibit hall and thank vendors. Increasing membership is still the goal (especially MSBOA string teachers who are not members and studio teachers). The more members we have, the more rebates we get from National. There are currently 162 string teachers in MSBOA that are not MASTA members. Reed will be attending the National Conference in New Mexico; Kotchenruther will attend in Atlanta next year. Nomination ballots were arranged by Wimsatt, Flower and Palmieri and will be sent soon. Thanks to Scott, Dapprich and Luck's Music for sending the camp DVD out with the MASTA Notes this fall. Project Directors should update their job descriptions. Changes are due at the May meeting. A motion was made by the Executive Board to increase the stipend given to the President to attend the National Conference. The President (or a designated representative from the Board) will submit costs for travel (including ground and air transport), lodging and registration to attend the National ASTA Conference for the consideration of the board at the September meeting. Motion seconded by Flower passed. An additional motion was made by the executive board to increase reimbursement for the President to attend the 2008 National Conference in New Mexico (up to \$1000). Motion seconded by R. Reed and passed.

V. Member-at-Large Report (Flower): Flower has been mentoring several teachers this year. She spent days in Greenville and at Gardner Middle School. She met with Haig Avsharian of Shar Products to discuss Shar's involvement in promoting the start of new string programs (especially in Brighton and Hartland Schools). If there are string teachers that are interested in having Flower come to their district to share her "tricks of the trade," please contact her (you can find her contact information on our website, astamichigan.org).

VI. Past President Report (Palmieri): There are now seven Student ASTA Chapters- Grand Valley State University now has a chapter. Student Chapter presidents have been continuing contact with each other after the September meeting. They plan on meeting later this spring.

VII. President Elect Report (Kotchenruther): There were three excellent nominees for Teacher of the Year: Diane McElfish, Mark Mathias, and Kevin Miller. The Administrator of the Year nominee (nominated by Jed Fritzmeier) is Ron Mead from Chelsea. The basket for the ASTA Convention Silent Auction is going well. Basket Works, LTD in Grand Rapids is coordinating the basket.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Dapprich): The Editor will now handle its own financial records (including billing and ad submissions) and received \$1000 seed money to be more in line with the other MASTA projects. Current billable income for 2007-08 is \$4945.00 with billing for Winter 2008 single-issue ads yet to be sent. Dapprich is hoping for a net surplus of 25% for this fiscal year to offset prior-year shortfalls. There are several past-due receivables. The editor requested feedback from the board regarding how far he should pursue payment of past un-paid advertising. Motion was

made by Scott to write off all past due accounts before 2007. Motion seconded by Winder and passed.

B. Outreach (Gippert): There were two requests for Professional Development Grants with no amount requests (the amount was given at meeting). Requests for Outreach Program Grants were approved for Bedford Jr. High String Camp, North Farmington High School, and Farmington Warner Middle School. Requests pending are MSU Community Music School, Portage Northern High/Code Studio Strings, Grand Rapids Christian Middle School, Calvin College, and Bloomfield Hills Middle School. Scott, seconded by Winder, as we do not support business ventures, denied the request for MSU Community Music School with a motion. The request by Calvin College was tabled until a later meeting as it is for next year's billing cycle. Board approval was granted for all other requests for Outreach Program Grants. There are two students participating in the National High School Honors Orchestra in New Mexico: Zack Hardie, Double Bass, Bloomfield Hills and Andrea Jarrett, Violin. Motion was made by Trotter and seconded by Scott: If funds are available, MASTA will provide \$3000 towards supporting National Orchestra students (up to \$500 per person). Motion passed. An amendment to the prior motion was made by Trotter (seconded by Scott) that MASTA should grant National Orchestra students no more than half of the total cost of attendance.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Palmieri) There has been some instances of miscommunication in the planning of the conference leading to some frustrations. For example, many presiders were not sent information and confirmation of their sessions. Palmieri asks members to complete and return survey of sessions and is calling for ideas or presenters for next year.

D. Membership (Scafuri): There has been a decrease in membership totaling 474, down 27 from September (14 dual, 5 institutional, 13 life, 17 non-paying dual, 249 professional, 12 string industry council, 17 school library subscription, 55 senior, and 92 student memberships). 40 reminders were sent to those whose membership had lapsed.

E. String Camps (Scott/Stuart): This year's camp dates Session I, June 22-24, Session II, June 25-27, and Session III, June 27- July 4 in Howell, MI. Scott and Stuart are in the process of hiring for the summer. Please show the video or check it out on Facebook or YouTube.

F. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Festival will be held on March 4, 2008. The Carpe Diem String Quartet from Columbus, Ohio is in residence this year. Unrelated to the Chamber Music Festival, there will be an event on June 8th to honor Marilyn Kesler of Okemos, who is retiring this year.

G. Michigan Youth Arts Festival (Winder): MYAF will be held Thursday-Saturday, May 8-10 at WMU. The MASTA Chamber Music Festival winner will perform four times and receive coaching. There will be a college/career fair on Saturday at noon. There will be an Educator of the Year reception and dinner and a MASTA Executive Board Meeting. Motion made by Scott to provide \$150 for coaches instead of \$100. Trotter seconded and motion passed. Motion made by Winder to donate MASTA's \$800 reimbursement to MYAF. Scott seconded and motion passed. MYAF must raise association fees and student fees as financially the organization is in trouble. They used \$2000 in endowment funds to cover last year's deficit and have received less in corporate giving. The Board is to be reconfigured towards a fund-raising structure. Please attend MYAF this May!

H. Solo Competition (Long): The 2006 Junior Division Grand Prize Winner, Barbora Kolarova (currently attending the Curtis Institute) will be the soloist for the 2008 MASTA luncheon. Four soloists (Elizabeth Beilman, Megan Fergusson, Petra Vilankova and Benjamin Beilman) were selected as national semi-finalists and participated in the National Solo Competition in Detroit, March 2007. Fergusson won First Place in the Viola Senior Division, Vilankova won First Place in the Violin Senior Division, and B. Beilman won First Place in the Violin Junior Division. The National Grand Prize winner, who was selected from all winners in all instrumental categories in both divisions, was Benjamin Beilman. He will perform with the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on a yet to be determined date. Plans have begun for the 2009 Solo Competition. It will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2008 on the campus of The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, hosted by Diana Gannett.

I. Studio Teaching (Koski): Koski is trying to locate studio teachers and determine how to get them more involved in MASTA.

J. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): In October, Arnold toured Western Michigan and Grand Valley State Universities with members of her Suzuki students to promote MASTA and the Suzuki Method. J. Kendall did a demonstration at the U-M in January and will do the same at MSU in April. EMU will host the Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute concert at Pease Auditorium in February. The National SAA Conference will be held in Minneapolis, MN on May 23-26 with the theme "Expanding the Vision." Clinicians from Michigan include Dan Long (conducting the Suzuki Youth Orchestras), Anthony Elliot (cello master class), and Diana Gannett (bass master class). Book 1 and 2 Violin SAA Teacher Training will be held at Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp June 14. There are teacher and student scholarships available from the "Tuesdays with John" John Kendall Workshop series. "Tuesdays with John" continue to be held the first Tuesday of the month in Ann Arbor. New Suzuki books are now published. Contact Arnold for more information regarding Suzuki matters.

K. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): No report.

L. Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck): No report (the workshop went well).

M. Website (Scott): No report.

N. MSBOA Liaison (Trotter): Trotter sent a survey about the Mid-Level clinics; please take time to respond. The MSBOA String Vice-Presidents will be meeting at the conference. Thanks to all teachers who sent students to the All-State auditions. Congratulations to the 2008 All State Orchestra Musicians and their teachers.

IX. Old Business:

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Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart