

MASTA Spring Meeting Minutes

Saturday, May 10, 2008

Executive Board: 10:00 a.m.

Full Board: 11:00 a.m.

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Call to Order (S. Reed): at 10:07 a.m. Members present: Steve Reed, Mark Kotchenruther, Wendy Stuart, Val Palmieri, Carl Gippert, Diane Winder, Linda Trotter, Rick Dapprich, Larry Dittmar.

Minutes (Stuart)- Minutes from the January meeting passed with a motion from Palmieri, which was seconded by Dittmar.

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

Beginning Net Worth \$47,883.46

Beginning Balance: \$17,212.64

Deposits: \$0.00

Disbursements: \$6,472.33

Ending Balance: \$10,740.31

Satellite Accts. \$36,238.08

Net Surplus (LOSS) (\$905.07)

Net Worth \$46,978.39

Report approved pending summary report (which was received via email by Stuart on 5.11.08) with a motion by Palmieri, seconded by Dittmar.

President's Report (S. Reed): ASTA is lowering student membership cost from \$44 to \$30 as of June 1. Professional rate was raised to \$99 (2.8%). Chapter rebates will be increased by a percentage whenever dues are raised. As of 7/2009, MASTA rebates will be 20% of individual memberships. MASTA's MMC reimbursement is \$3100 this year, up from \$1500 last year. The ASTA National Conference will be held from March 18-21, 2009 in Atlanta, GA. Future goals include continuing to encourage MSBOA string teachers to join MASTA, develop private teacher database, expand mentoring program throughout the state, continue to develop ties between MSBOA and MSVMA, and update board job descriptions. It has been Reed's pleasure to serve MASTA as president for the past two years.

Member-at-Large Report (Flower): There is a new community education string program in Hartland, led by Weston Hosler. Flower contacted Mike Letovsky (band director, Hartland) who has been trying for 14 years to start a string program. The White Lake Chamber Music Society, directed by Sondra Cross, is trying to start an elementary string program and has applied for grants. The West Shore Symphony will be starting a string program this fall and advertised through a "Petting Zoo" event held for students and parents. Haig Avsharian would like to hire retired string teachers to travel between districts with string programs monthly to deliver supplies, do minor repairs and perhaps do a little mentoring. Flower also worked with teachers in St. Johns and Lansing with festival preparation. She suggested having retired string teachers on the West and East side of the state to continue mentoring new and young string teachers. Motion to accept report made by Palmieri, seconded by Dittmar. Motion passed.

Past President Report (Palmieri): Student chapters have been continuing communication on their own.

President Elect Report (Kotchenruther): No report.

Committee Reports

A. Newsletter (Dapprich): Last year was financially successful with a surplus of \$2989.79. The editor requests consideration in altering the current format and content of the newsletter. A motion was made by Kotchenruther to accept budget proposal number two which will continue the three issues of MASTA Notes, a member directory in the summer, the Summer issue limited to 20 pages, Fall and Spring limited to 28 pages, forms and recurring submissions to be posted exclusively on the website. Motion seconded by Palmieri and passed. Discussion included the change in format from printed newsletter to electronically delivered newsletter for 2009-2010. A motion was made by Palmieri (seconded by S. Reed) to request a feasibility study for electronic publication to be reported during the summer meeting.

B. Outreach (Gippert): Camp scholarships were awarded with \$200 left aside to cover any additional needs. Several Professional Development grants were requested. S. Reed made a motion to accept the Calvin College grant request, Dittmar seconded, motion passed. S. Reed made a motion to award Joy Hardie \$500 for Zach Hardie's participation in the ASTA National Conference. Trotter seconded and motion passed.

C. Michigan School Music Conference (Palmieri) The 2009 conference direction is aimed toward new/beginning teachers, general string pedagogy for all experience level teachers and conducting. She submitted a list of accepted presentations and there was discussion regarding the similarly themed proposed session.

D. Membership (Scafuri): No report

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. Enrollment is very low in Sessions I and II. Scott has found that information about the camps is not reaching enough of his target demographics. He hopes to market more to the Suzuki teachers and private teachers. All other aspects of planning for Sessions I and II proceed successfully. Session III was full enrollment as of April 18 and held at the time of the report a waiting list of 12 potential campers. Camp licensing fees doubled this year. Camp planning is going well.

F. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Festival was an outstanding event. It was held on March 4 at MSU. 18 ensembles participated. The Carpe Diem Quartet from Columbus, OH was in residence. The Detroit Civic Quartet was the competition winner and will perform at the MYAF. The Festival received underwriting from Psarianos Violins Ltd. and in honor of Nathan Osterbur. Thanks to all the coaches, site chair and teachers who sent ensembles. An anonymous MASTA member will be providing a \$200 award to the winning ensemble starting in 2009.

G. Michigan Youth Arts Festival (Winder): Winder provided the board with a program that included all of this year's events. The winning quartet was great.

H. Solo Competition (Long): The Solo Competition will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 in Ann Arbor.

I. Studio Teaching (Koski): Koski has received over 300 names for contact by MASTA. It includes partial information but is a great start.

J. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): No report.

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

L. Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck): No report.

M. Website (Scott): No report.

N. MSBOA Liaison (Trotter): Preparations have started for the fall String Reading Session (Plymouth Canton, 9.20.08) and the Mid Level String Clinics, which will be held on October 18 and 25. Requests for changes to the Mid Level String Clinics include easier repertoire due to changes in the year string programs begin, how classes are scheduled (less frequently), etc. There were also requests for an inspiring performance during the day. Trotter thanks the board for allowing her to serve in this capacity.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Discussion regarding the digitizing of the archives.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart