

MASTA Fall Meeting
Saturday, September 20, 2008
Executive Board: 11:00 a.m.
Full Board: 12:00 p.m.
Plymouth Centennial Education Park, Phase III Building
Canton, MI

- I. Call to Order** (Kotchenruther): 11:10 a.m. Members Present: Kotchenruther, S. Reed, R. Reed, Stuart, Flower, Dittmar, Palmieri, Scafuri, Scott, Kearney-Looman, Winder, Long, Arnold, Rebeck, Trotter, DeRose, Dapprich.
- II. Minutes** (Stuart)- Minutes from May meeting approved.
- III. Treasurer's Report** (R. Reed): First Quarter
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| Beginning Net Worth | \$96,138.97 |
| Beginning Balance: | \$17,680.07 |
| Deposits: | \$1,840.00 |
| Disbursements: | \$7,418.25 |
| Ending Balance: | \$12,101.82 |
| Satellite Accts. | \$36,442.74 |
| Net Surplus (LOSS) | (\$5,578.25) |
| Net Worth | \$48,544.56 |
- Milage continues to be a large expense.
- IV. President's Report** (Kotchenruther): Congratulations to Dan Long for receiving the Medal of Honor at the 2008 Midwest Band and Orchestra Clinic. Thanks to Kathy Scafuri for years of service to the board as Membership Chair. Kathy will step down at the January meeting. The All State Ensembles will perform at 10:00 a.m. this year at MMC with the Luncheon beginning at 12:00 p.m. MASTA Board members are needed to volunteer to dedicate an hour or two to provide a personal presence at the MASTA table in the exhibit area. Dream Out Loud materials (a Chicago Symphony/Yamaha Corp. partnership) are available as a resource for instrumental music teachers. Posters, musician profiles, and online videos are available at www.cso.org/DreamOutLoud. Teachers in the UP are receiving the Northern Michigan Initiative with enthusiasm. Motion to add a \$1500 line item to the budget for clinics/master classes in the UP. Discussion ensued regarding the time and date of the Spring Meeting, as attendance is consistently low. It was decided that keeping the meeting in conjunction with Youth Arts Festival was advantageous to providing MASTA support of the MASTA Quartet and the Youth Arts Organization.
- V. Member-at-Large Report** (Flower): Little information to share at this point. Flower has contacted MSBOA to get new string teacher information without response. Flower (with Nancy Koski) will take part in the Northern Michigan Initiative and will contact Janis Peterson to arrange dates. Information regarding new teachers would be appreciated. Flowers participated in recruiting at Gardner M.S. in Lansing as a result of networking with area teachers at a string teachers' party.

VI. **Past President Report** (S. Reed): Reed had contact with student chapters, especially Joel Schut, president of U-M student chapter. He has plans for the organization of the student chapters.

VII. **President Elect Report** (Dittmar): Dittmar sent emails to non-MASTA MSBOA string teachers. No responses sent.

VIII. **Committee Reports**

A. Michigan Music Conference (Palmieri): Conference scheduling is proceeding. There is a great line up of sessions that should appeal to many string teachers.

B. Membership (Scafuri): Membership is up five members from July to 462 members. There are 11 dual, 11 non-paying dual, 13 life, 244 professional, 53 senior, 99 student, 4 institutional, 11 string industry, and 16 school/library memberships. 99 reminder letters sent to those whose membership had lapsed within the past year.

C. String Camps (Scott/Stuart): Sessions I and II had wonderful campers and staff this last year. Enrollment continues to be lower than previous years and the camp showed a -1.32% surplus. Budget proposal #2 which raises camp fees to \$210 was approved. Session III had a great session, had a waitlist of nearly 20 campers and showed a 10.28% surplus. Thanks to Rob Wilson of Wilson's Fine Violins for providing educational sessions and repair serviced gratis. Thanks to Rick Dapprich for donating his services as Bass Coach. Session III proposed budget which keeps the camp fee at \$425 was approved.

D. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The Chamber Music Festival was a great success with 92 participants. 2009's Festival will be held on Tuesday March 10 at MSU with the guest ensemble will be the Alexander Trio from Eastern Michigan University. The 2009 proposed budget was approved.

E. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): Winder has been active in MYAF meetings and their summer retreat. The Festival has been renamed as the Michigan Youth Arts Association that will be better for fund raising. New at the 2008 event were the Music Composition Seminar, streaming online concerts (at banddirector.com). The Association has a new Associate Director who will be responsible for fundraising. The Association will also be doing it's own registrations and has moved to office space offered by WMU gratis. The board has a three-year transition plan in place. In 2009 the keynote is Pilobolus (Dance), an orchestra-in-residence (college students) will be hired to accompany concert soloists, a goal is to provide scholarships and other funding, and the MASTA Golf Outing proceeds will go to MYAA.

F. Solo Competition (Long): The 15th Biennial MI Solo Competition will be on October 18 at U-M. Judges include Bruce Uchimura (WMU), Kevin Miller (EMU), Yuri Gandelman (MSU), and a U-M representative. Diana Gannett will host with assistance from U-M's Student ASTA Chapter. The event is open to the public and will begin at 9:00 a.m. There are presently thirteen Junior Division and two Senior Division applicants.

G. Studio Teaching (Koski): No report. A list of private teachers was shared with the board, with corrections and suggested teachers given.

H. Suzuki Liason (Arnold): Mark Mutter of Suzuki Royal is a new teacher trainer. Violin books 1-3 and their recordings are now available with book 4 to be released soon. Book 5 is complete and the International Committee is working on completing updates on books 6-8. There are numerous changes to book 3 that everyone will need to relearn. John Kendall has had his first "Tuesdays with John" class in September organized by Wendy Azrak, attended by 20 teachers. They heard one bass and two violin students. MMC and ECC have separated fees for the ECC course at the MMC.

The class will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2009. The balance of the Kendall account is \$5, 536.69.

I. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): No report

J. Okemos Suzuki Workshop (Rebeck): A report of 2008's workshop was presented. The workshop was successful and a budget proposal for 2009 will be presented.

K. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): No report

L. MSBOA Liason (Trotter): Fall activities are in progress, including this morning's String Reading Clinic. The Mid-Level Clinics are on October 18 and 25. There are currently 652 students enrolled. Many sites are open, but several are full.

M. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra (DeRose): There were several outstanding requests needing payment (2007 Outreach to Grand Rapids Christian Schools, Zach Hardie's National Orchestra attendance, and Professional Development grants to Winder and Orlin). Outreach Grant projects include Bedford Junior High String Camp, Calvin College, North Farmington High School. New Requests include Negaunee Public Schools and Marquette Area Public Schools. A motion was presented to limit an organizations ability to use Outreach grants as a yearly funding source (a three year limit of funding was proposed). There was also discussion regarding transferring Professional Develop funds that are not utilized fully by membership to add to the resources available for Outreach Grants. No new Professional Development Grants requests have been received.

N. Newsletter (Dapprich): MASTA Notes is set financially for the year. Anticipated advertising revenue is approximately \$5000. The Summer Newsletter and Membership Directory costs were \$1883, leaving production limitations to \$1500 each for the two remaining issues. Dapprich would like to see more educational content in the newsletter (thanks to Diane Winder for her article) as the website can take over more of the day-to-day reporting. Fall 2008 deadline is November 1st.

O. Website (Dapprich): The website has incurred expenses of less than \$100. Dapprich would like the Website to be run under the Newsletter budget until the website has its own revenue generating abilities. Dapprich would like more content for the website including information regarding the activities of the Okemos Suzuki Workshop, Blue Lake Suzuki, Studio Teaching, Outreach, MASTA Camps, and any other desired content. He would also like to have board member bios and photos and an archive.

IX. Old Business:

1. Marilyn Kesler Scholarship Fund (\$500 contribution)
2. The purchase of a scanner to create a digital, searchable archiving method for MASTA materials approved.
3. The purchase of a MASTA Banner for use at MMC was approved.
4. The Career Achievement Award was awarded to Laura Sias.

X. New Business: No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart