

MASTA Winter General Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2009

Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

Amway Grand Hotel, Imperial Room, Grand Rapids, MI

I. Call to Order (S. Reed): at 12:09 p.m. Guest present: Michael Allen, Anna Skalova, Gabriel Villaurda, Astrid Giese, Laura Sias, Hans Anderson, Dmitri Vorobiev.

II. Minutes (Stuart): Minutes from the previous General Membership meeting passed with a motion from Diane Winder, which was seconded by Anne Kearney Looman.

III. Treasurer's Report (R. Reed): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd board meeting.

IV. President's Report (Kotchenruther): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 24th board meeting. Thanks to Valerie Palmieri for a great conference this year.

V. Member-at-Large Report (Flower): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

VI. Past President Report (S. Reed): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd board meeting. All luncheon tickets will have to be purchased in advance starting next year.

VII. President Elect Report (Dittmar): See New Business.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): June 21-June 28 which includes teacher training for books 1-3.

B. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): The date of the Festival has been changed to March 9th due to MME testing. Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

C. Membership (Trotter): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

D. Michigan Music Conference (Palmieri): Please submit proposed sessions online through the MMC website as soon as possible.

E. MSBOA Liaison (Trotter): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

F. Newsletter (Dapprich): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. Please support and thank advertisers and submit more content-based articles.

G. Northern Michigan Initiative (Peterson): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

H. Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck): No report. The workshop will be held during the first weekend in November.

I. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra (DeRose): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. Outreach grants and camp scholarships are available. The National Orchestra Festival will be held next year.

J. Solo Competition (Long): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

K. String Camps (Scott/Stuart): This year's camp dates Session I, June 21-23, Session II, June 24-26, and Session III, June 28-July 4 in Howell, MI. Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting.

L. Studio Teaching (Koski): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. Please get names of teachers to

Koski.

M. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. There will be an online retreat in April.

N. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. April 18th will mark the workshop's 30th Anniversary.

O. Website (Dapprich): Feedback is requested.

P. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): Details of report listed in the minutes from January 22nd Board meeting. Giese spoke to the membership about YA and her goal of eventual scholarships for all participants. This year's goal is \$25,000 (currently at \$20,000). Irving S. Gilbert is donating \$5000. This year all participants will receive a \$25 scholarship. The new name of the event is Michigan Youth Arts. Diane Winder is the current Vice President and will become President next year. The Festival will be held from May 7-9 this year at WMU.

IX. Old Business:

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A. 2009 Teacher of the Year: There were two excellent nominees for Teacher of the Year: Ingrid Dykeman and Jed Fritzmeier. The Teacher of the Year is Jed Fritzmeier. See details about the winners and the presentation of the awards in the Spring Edition of MASTA Notes.

B. 2009 Career Achievement Award: Laura Sias is this year's Career Achievement Award recipient, nominated and introduced by Rick Dapprich.

XI. Performance: Anna Skalova, accompanied by Dmitri Vorobiev, played the Bach A Minor Sonata, Andante, Paganini Caprice No. 19, and the Bartok Concerto No. 2, Movement 1.

Meeting ended at 2:00 p.m., Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart