

MASTA Spring Board Meeting
Saturday, May 9, 2009
Executive Board: 10:00 a.m.
Full Board: 11:00 a.m.
Dalton Center, WMU
Kalamazoo, MI

- I. Call to Order** (Kotchenruther): at 4:10 p.m. Members present: Mark Kotchenruther, Wendy Stuart, Val Palmieri, Geri Arnold, Kelly DeRose, Dan Scott, Larry Dittmar, Diane Winder.
- II. Minutes** (Stuart)- Minutes from the January meeting passed with a motion from Arnold, which was seconded by Palmieri with understanding that several corrections will be added before publication.
- III. Treasurer's Report** (R. Reed): Third Quarter
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| Beginning Net Worth | \$48,379.69 |
| Beginning Balance: | \$15,784.04 |
| Deposits: | \$0.00 |
| Disbursements: | \$7,689.12 |
| Ending Balance: | \$8,094.92 |
| Satellite Accts. | \$38,047.38 |
| Net Surplus (LOSS) | (\$7,689.12) |
| Net Worth | \$46,142.30 |
| (Down \$2,237.39) | |
- Report was accepted following a motion made by Arnold, seconded by Palmieri.
- IV. President's Report** (Kotchenruther): We have three board members who have been honored nationally this year: Dan Long, Medal of Honor from the Midwest Clinic, Steve Reed, Elizabeth A.H. Green School Educator Award, and Rick Dapprich, "Best Website" by National ASTA. MASTA's educational programs continue to run well in tough economic times, and while certain adjustments may be necessary, we continue to offer outstanding programs for students and teachers in Michigan. We are continuing the Northern Michigan Initiative with the help of Janis Peterson and Nancy Koski. We need to encourage members to register as MASTA members when registering for the MMC to generate needed funds for MASTA. We also need to continue adding members (while maintaining the present membership), particularly professional musicians who also teach and MSBOA string teachers who are not MASTA members.
- V. Member-at-Large Report (Flower):** No report. Flower would like ideas to get more interest in having her go out to schools to help out.
- VI. Past President Report (S. Reed):** No report. Reed tried to get student chapter updates, but students were busy with final exams, graduation, etc.
- VII. President Elect Report (Dittmar):** Dittmar is working to get MASTA elections online to save postage and copying costs. He will also be on a panel at the MMC with Dan Long and John Whitwell to honor the memory of Elizabeth A.H. Green. The

session will be very instructive, especially to young teachers. He is still spending a lot of time with Kotchenruther in the planning of the MMC and wishes to continue to explore ideas that will result in better membership attendance at the MMC.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Blue Lake Suzuki (Kesler): No report.

B. Chamber Music Festival (Kearney-Looman): No report.

C. Membership (Trotter): There are 445 members (3 student chapter, 14 dual, 4 institutional, 12 life, 14 non-paying dual, 225 professional, 8 string industry council, 16 school library subscription, 53 senior, and 96 student memberships). 50 renewal reminder letters will be sent later this month.

D. Michigan Music Conference (Palmieri): Planning for next year is well under way. Most sessions are already lined up. Kotchenruther would like Palmieri to have an assistant in planning sessions for the MMC. There continues to be issues involved with the company hired to run the conference.

E. MSBOA Liaison (Trotter): The String Reading Clinic will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Plymouth-Canton Schools. The fall 2009 Mid Level Clinics are being finalized. They will be held on October 17th (Chippewa MS, South Haven, Grand Rapids City) and 24th (Mona Shores, Portage, TBA).

F. Newsletter (Dapprich): Due to the increased costs of production and mailing with the proximity of the first issue's capital outlays, Dapprich is requesting the seed money of MASTA Notes be increased to \$2000. He would not need actual funds from MASTA (he has the funds in his account). Advertising invoices are billed post-production and there could be a situation, without the increase, where the production costs could not be met. Scott seconded Dapprich's motion, which passed. Dittmar moved to accept Dapprich's Budget Proposal A, Palmieri seconded and motion passed.

G. Northern Michigan Initiative (Peterson): Some highlights of musical events in Northern Michigan include: Negaunee HS Orchestra attended MSBOA District 14 B&O Festival with Marquette HS and Bothwell MS Orchestras. It was Negaunee's first festival experience in over 10 years. Ishpeming received an "Excellence in Education" grant to purchase instruments to boost their after-school string program of 30 students. Bob Ritsema spent two days in the Marquette schools, through an outreach grant from the Marquette Symphony, to work with 6th-12th grade cello students. The Viridian String Quartet (student group from Lawrence Conservatory) held a series of workshops and sectionals with Marquette students, and presented a recital for the community. The UP directors are interested in the "Power Shot for Orchestra" activity- plans to have them in May or June and the fall. There is interest in scheduling a Student Chapter meeting (so far it hasn't happened due to spring breaks, concerts, and the Upper Peninsula Youth Orchestra).

H. Okemos Suzuki (Rebeck): No report.

I. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra (DeRose): Scott, seconded by Palmieri, passed new request #1 with a motion. New requests #2 and 3 were denied. Professional Development grant for Diane Winder was approved with a motion from Scott, seconded by Dittmar. A motion was made by Arnold that requires next year's camp scholarship applications to include first three pages of family's IRS tax forms (with social security numbers blacked out), seconded by Palmieri. Motion Passed. There is some confusion regarding National Honors Orchestra application deadlines. The new deadline is June 15th, which is reflected on our website.

J. Solo Competition (Long): No report.

K. String Camps (Scott/Stuart): Sessions I and II are still low enrollment. Discussion will take place during summer retreat to develop ideas regarding the reconfiguration of the sessions. Session III is full with a large wait-list.

L. Studio Teaching (Koski): No report.

M. Suzuki Liaison (Arnold): Tuesdays with John ended for this school year on May 5th. Classes will begin in October next school year. Scholarships were awarded for a teacher and a student. Arnold requests that two more partial scholarships be awarded. Scott made a motion that the Kendall Institute increases its scholarship amount by \$400 this year only. Dittmar seconded and the motion passed. The ECC course was offered at MSU with Mark Mutter. It will be offered again on June 6th at Shar, taught by Wendy Azrak (sponsored by Gabe Bolkosky's Violin Studio in Ann Arbor). The following teacher training is being offered in MI: Violin Bk 1 at Blue Lake (Azzrak), Violin Bks 2 and 3 at Blue Lake (Sandrok) and Violin Bk 4 at Suzuki Royal Oak in June (Mutter). Guitar Training will be available at the Suzuki Guitar Workshop in June, Ann Arbor.

N. Troy Suzuki Workshop (Charboneau/Trainees): No Report.

O. Website (Daprich): Website won National ASTA's "Best Website" award.

P. Youth Arts Festival (Winder): This year's MASTA quartet was last year's MSBOA's group and the violist is in this year's MSBOA group. Steve Reed's Chamber Orchestra is featured. MYAF is going really well but the organization is financially in the red. Past donors are still giving but no new organizations are sponsoring the event. The board of MYAA is going national for NEA and multi-state grants. Attendance is up and everyone is very positive about the organization, but financially, there is trouble. Advocacy is being pushed hard by administration.

IX. Old Business:

A. African Program Fundraiser is in progress. There will be a string program added. The H.S. program has risen from nothing to 3rd in Kenya. Shar will be underwriting string program.

X. New Business:

A. Summer Retreat: Kotchenruther will send out dates soon.

XI. Adjournment (Kotchenruther): 2:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart