

**MASTA Winter Meeting**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2010**  
**Executive Board: 1:00 p.m.**  
**Full Board: 2:00 p.m.**  
**Amway Grand Hotel, Pearl Room**  
**Grand Rapids, MI**

- I. Call to Order** (S. Reed): at 1:00 and 2:15 p.m. Members present: Steve Reed, Mark Kotchenruther, Robert Reed, Wendy Stuart, Val Palmieri, Anne Kearney-Looman, Geri Arnold, Kelly DeRose, Diane Winder, Jan Flower, Dan Scott, Linda Trotter, Larry Dittmar, Jon Traines, Rick Dapprich, Nancy Koski, Janice Peterson, Dan Long, David Rosin, David Reed.
- II. Minutes** (Stuart)- Minutes from the September meeting passed with a motion from Dittmar, which was seconded by Scott with understanding that the treasurers report will be changed to 'fourth quarter'.
- III. Treasurer's Report** (R. Reed): Second Quarter
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| Beginning Net Worth | \$44,258.17 |
| Beginning Balance:  | \$7,116.51  |
| Deposits:           | \$6,225.14  |
| Disbursements:      | \$659.45    |
| Ending Balance:     | \$12,682.20 |
| Satellite Accts.    | \$33,267.47 |
| Net Surplus (LOSS)  | \$5,565.69  |
| Net Worth           | \$45,949.67 |
- Motion to accept report made by Dittmar, seconded by Scott. Motion passed.
- IV. President's Report** (Kotchenruther): The MMC is hiring a new management company to run the conference next year (Technical Enterprises, Inc.). We are trying to grow our membership. If you know of teachers that aren't members, encourage them to join and give their name/contact info to Trotter/Koski. Nancy Koski is back on the board as Studio Teaching Committee Chair. Consider becoming a member of MENC, MSBOA, and SAA. The ASTA National Conference will be held in Santa Clara, CA February 17-20, 2010. Consider attending.
- V. Member-at-Large Report (Flower):** Flower has been mentoring a new string teacher.
- VI. Past President Report** (S. Reed): The WMU Student chapter is the most active chapter right now. The others are in transition, under new leadership or have not yet had the opportunity to become organized. Reed will publish a report of activities in the newsletter.
- VII. President Elect Report** (Dittmar): There are two candidates for TOY- Wendy Tenney of Lowell, MI and Bruce Uchimura from WMU. No nominees for AOY. The following teachers adjudicated the MSBOA Honors Orchestra auditions: Dorothy McDonald and Gabe Villasurda, violin, Larry Dittmar, viola, Marilyn Kesler and Andrea Yun, cello/bass. There will be two presentations on the life and teaching of

Elizabeth A.H. Green at the conference this week. Meru, Kenya will be starting a string program in September with the help of a team of MASTA members (including Marilyn Kesler) and Shar. We applaud the fine work being done around the state by our members. We are providing a gift basket for the silent auction at the ASTA Nat'l Conference.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

**A. Chamber Music Festival** (Kearney-Looman): The date of the Festival will be Monday, March 8. The event will be held at MSU and the Phoenix Quartet (resident quartet at U-M) will be in residence.

**C. Michigan Music Conference** (Palmieri/Rosin): Program book demonstrates the bulk of the work by Palmieri and Rosin. Thanks to the board and other members for presiding over sessions. **Dan Long made a motion that at the next MMC meeting, the MASTA President makes a motion to the MMC planning committee and executive board that the MMC board becomes responsible for the selection of performing ensembles at the conference.** Dan Scott seconded, motion passed.

**D. Membership** (Trotter): There are 343 active members (18 dual, 8 life, 202 professional, 51 senior, and 64 student memberships) and 749 inactive members. Renewal reminder letters/emails will be sent later soon.

**E. Newsletter** (Dapprich): The deadline for the Spring '10 issue is 2/15. More articles are desired to expand the content presented in the newsletter. There are newsletters available for the MASTA booth.

**F. Northern Michigan Initiative** (Peterson): Many districts and arts organizations have been cutting back funding in the UP. In order to continue the growth and focus of the Initiative has been getting more creative, like having former students return to provide "Power Shots" for area programs. A Chamber Music Festival is been held at NMU. They are working on recruiting more ASTA members in the UP and area teachers are meeting to promote collaboration and in-service opportunities.

**G. Okemos Suzuki** (Rebeck): No report.

**H. Outreach/National Honors Orchestra** (DeRose): Scott moved to accept new grant request from Mona Shores. Request approved after being seconded by Winder. Andrew Thompson (Double Bass) and Jarryd Elias (Timpani) will be playing in the ASTA National Orchestra.

**I. Solo Competition** (Long): Andrea Jarrett, first year student at Julliard, will be performing at the Luncheon Saturday with accompanist Dan Latterner. The date for this year's competition is October 9, 2010 and will be held by host Judy Palac, assisted by the Student ASTA Chapter at Michigan State University.

**J. String Camps** (Scott): The music directors for the three sessions have been selected: Session I, Carol Johnson, Session II, Becky Bush, Session III, Tony Krempa. Scott brought two budget proposes for session III to the board, one keeping the tuition the same, another raising tuition to \$440. The board approved keeping tuition the same after being seconded by Winder with an understanding that the 5% surplus may not be met. Dapprich made a motion to no longer use the titles "Elementary or Junior High String Camp" in any MASTA publications/materials, instead using the new name, MASTA String Camps. Motion carried with a second from S. Reed. The bank for session III will be closed and the seed money will be \$1500 (with \$500 of session III's seed money being returned to the general fund).

**K. Studio Teaching** (Koski): Koski needs contact information for studio teachers. There was discussion regarding making Saturday sessions more studio teacher specific. Some goals of studio teaching: encourage studio teachers to advertise recitals in newsletter, author articles "How To" in the newsletter and participation in

sessions at the MMC. It was recommended at the meeting that there be master-classes offered at the MMC.

**M. Troy Suzuki Workshop** (Trainees): The budget for 2010 was approved after a motion was made by Trainees, seconded by Scott.

**N. Website** (Dapprich): no report.

**O. Youth Arts Festival** (Winder): MYA continues to work hard to increase fundraising efforts through grant writing, Arts in Motion 5K run, holiday online auction, travel tour to NYC, benefit concert, raffles and student fundraising challenging. They also are working hard to cut down on administrative costs. The festival will be held May 13-15 at WMU. Event sponsorships are available. MASTA pays \$1559 to have the Chamber Music Festival winners perform at the Festival and keep Winder as liaison.

#### **IX. Affiliate Reports**

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

**B. MSBOA Liaison** (D. Reed): String meeting in January was very successful and is on the books for the next two years. Updated harp proficiency form will be used this year. Opinions regarding scales used at proficiency level were discussed. Give Reed any feedback or ideas you have regarding scales. MSBOA is looking to improve participation at the Survival Camp, especially string teacher participants. There are new rules relating to Midlevel String Clinics- entry deadline will be firm with late entry penalties. There are six new string judges this year.

**C. Suzuki Liaison** (Arnold): There are three more Tuesdays with John sessions this year in Feb., March and May. Scholarships are offered to teachers and students for Blue Lake Suzuki camp. Teacher training is available: EEC at the MMC, Blue Lake Suzuki offers Book 1-3 violin teacher training, Mark Mutter offers long term training at Suzuki Royal Oak (Book 2 and 3 start in February) and Gabe Bolkoski is having a summer Suzuki workshop in Ann Arbor this August which will include EEC, overview of Book 1-4, book 5, 6 and 7. The National SAA 14<sup>th</sup> Biennial Workshop is this May in Minneapolis, MN. Suzuki Revised Book 5 for violin is now available. In Oct. 2009, Boston hosted the first international teacher training conference.

#### **X. New Business:**

A. The money market accounts didn't crash, but they are making no money.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Wendy Stuart