

# MASTA Winter General Membership Meeting

Saturday, January 22, 2011

Michigan Music Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Meeting Called to Order (*Dittmar*) at noon

A Moment of Silence was offered in remembrance for John Kendall.

Introductions of all members, special guests and friends present were made.

**Secretary's Report** (*Trotter*): Minutes from the September Meetings were presented.

## **Treasurer's Report** (*Brosnan*)

Second Quarter

Beginning Balance (10/1/2010) \$10,565.76

Deposits:

Chamber Music \$256.29

Green Competition (*entrants fees*) \$1,920.00

Total Deposits \$2,176.29

Disbursements:

Potter Scholarship Winner (Ken Kubota)(\$500.00)

Green Competition (Judging and award)(\$1,500.00)

Michigan Youth Arts (membership fee) (\$300.00)

Meetings/Mileage (\$138.79)

ASTA (6 National Semi-finalists) (\$450.00)

MASTA Notes (MMC Ad Fall 2010) (\$120.00)

Treasurer Expenses (mileage & supplies) (\$88.41)

Total Disbursements (\$3,097.20)

Ending Balance (12/31/10) \$9,644.85

Net Surplus (Loss) (\$920.91)

## **President's Report** (*Dittmar*)

1. Acknowledgement of the outstanding orchestras who performed at the 2011 MMC.: Ann Arbor Huron High School Symphony Orchestra ( Marijean Quigley-Young, Director), Boulan Park Middle School Advanced Orchestra (Kathleen L. Griffith, Director), NorthPointe Christian High School Orchestra (Aaron Tenney, Director), Troy High School Symphony Orchestra (Alan McNair, Director), All-State Middle School String Orchestra (Marilyn Kesler, Director) and the All-State High School Orchestra (Gary Lewis, Director).

2. Announcement and recognition of service of the executive board members how are leaving the board: Rick Dapprich, Lynn Brosnan, Geri Arnold and Nancy Koski.

3. Acknowledgment of the National President-Elect Bob Phillips. Bob Phillips was asked to speak on the upcoming

National Convention. He also stated that ASTA was creating a coalition for advocacy.

4. Amy Marr was recognized as the National Chair for Alternative Styles for ASTA.

## **President-Elect Report** (*Winder*)

1. TOY and AOY – Election and Nomination solicitation will be moved up to allow for issues that arise. (Emails were not arriving to recipients)

2. AOY 2011 is Blake Prewitt (who unfortunately will not be able to attend).

3. TOY 2011 is TBA at the General Membership Meeting.

4. Gift basket planning for the National ASTA Conference has begun.

## **Member-at-Larger Report** (*Villasurda*)

Gabe explained his role as the Member-at-large is to spearhead and assist new teachers in MI.

## **Student Chapter Report** (*Kotchenruther*)

Mark explained that his role is to be a liaison to the student chapter at the various colleges/universities. He also recognized Western Michigan University's chapter as the National ASTA Outstanding student chapter.

## **Project Director Reports**

A. Chamber Music Festival (*Kearney-Looman*): Reminder that the festival will be held on Monday, March 7th at Michigan State University.

B. MASTA Camps (*Scott*): Announcement that the 2011 camp applications are on line.

C. MASTA Notes Editor and Website (*Dapprich*): Reminder that all articles for the spring MASTA Notes are due by February 14th.

D. Membership Chair (*Stuart*): Membership is up (46 members), Dual Members - 19 (up 1), Life members – 14, Professional Members -196, Senior Members – 56 (down 1), Student members 94 (up 40), Institutional members -16, String industry members – 3; Total of 398 members

E. MMC Coordinator (*Palmieri*): Reminder to give her feedback on the conference for future planning.

F. Northern Michigan Initiative (*Peterson*): There are two upcoming events – Michigan Technological University will host an orchestra featuring a guest Russian violinist and the Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra and they will provide master classes and private lessons for festival attendees. The Up Chamber Festival will be on February 25 featuring the

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Eclettico String quartet and master classes by De. Joe Neves.  
Janis also thanked Shar Music Products for their assistance.

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

H. Studio Teaching (*Koski*): There are several goals that Nancy set forth for MASTA Studio Teaching are:

1. Pursue a larger representation of studio teachers in MASTA membership
2. Create and maintain a data base of studio teachers, organized by city
3. Add more MMC sessions focusing on studio teachings
4. Produce studio teaching articles for the MASTA Notes publication
5. Reminder, that adult of all ages and levels are participating in strings.

I. Troy Suzuki and bass Workshop (*Trainees*): This years' date is May 7, 2011

J. MSBOA Liaison (*Reed*): Explanation of the proposed new All-State Auditions Excerpts. Reminder that this changed must be voted on at the MSBOA spring general membership meeting and that string teachers need to be present for the vote.

K. State Solo Competition (*Long*): Carpe Deum String Quartet is willing to come any school, requesting schools need to submit a grant proposal. We have three national semi-finalists; they are: Jonathan Hammonds, Linnea Powell and Abigail Elder.

L. State String Outreach and National Honors Orchestra (*DeRose*):

1. The second was New Horizons Senior Strings Program – Cary Kocher, project director. Motion by David Reed and Koski seconded to approve the grant request pending the administrator or institution becoming a member or a receipt of a membership. – PASSED
2. Motion by DeRose, to accept the recommendation of approval for the Ingrid Dykeman, Kentwood Public Schools, grant request; seconded by Janis Peterson. - PASSED

M. Michigan Youth Arts (*Winder*): Explained the upcoming Arts Census and the need to complete and return it. This census is endorsed by the Michigan Board of Education. It's ideal is to pull information with data so that the Arts can advocate with data driven decision.

## Program Affiliates:

Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp (*Kesler*): Recognized Pat Smith, the camp's registrar, for her undying work for the

program and Geri Arnold starting this camp 34 years ago with Jerry Barlett.

SAA Liaison (*Arnold*): There is a new course "Suzuki Principles in Action" 'SPA' for teachers who have been teaching but need to be reinvigorated. The deadline for auditions is 8 weeks before one takes the course. Finally, scholarship deadline is February 4, 2011.

**Old Business:** None

## New Business:

1. President, Dittmar, announced the new treasurer, Karen Viele. He also acknowledged Shar Music and Haig Avsharian for the generous donation on 50 violins for the African Outreach Program. This year, Geri Arnold, Anne Ogren, Marilyn Kesler, Ann Schoelles, Bill Tennant, and Andrea Yun will embark to Africa to start the string program.
2. Past president, Mark Kotcheruther, presented Bob Culver with the Career Achievement Award.
3. President-Elect, Diane Winder, presented the Teacher of the Year to David Reed.
4. President-Elect Diane Winder, presented the Administrator of the Year to Blake Prewitt; accepting on his behalf, Lynn Brosnan and Linda Trotter.
5. State Solo Competition Director, Daniel E. Long, introduced this years' Solo competition Winner, Jonathan Hammond who performed for the membership.

Meeting Adjourned 2:00 PM (*Dittmar*)