

MASTA Board Meeting
Saturday, September 13, 2014
Plymouth Canton Educational Park Room 305 Canton North
Building

Members Present: Tim Staudacher, Janis Peterson, Diane Winder, Bryan Kolk, Gabriel Villasurda, Linda Trotter, Nathan Peters, Burke Lokey, Melissa Knecht, Wendy Azrak, Valerie Palmieri, Lynn Brosnan, Caitlin Milhalko, Abby Alwin, Jenny Allen, Dana Duncan, Larry Hutchinson

Meeting called to order at 11:20AM

President Report (Staudacher) verbal report

Welcome and introduction of everyone. Tim recognized Diane Winder and Larry Dittmar for their mentorship. He reminded us to remember to get together with other MASTA members and that one of our goals is not to step on other organization

Present-Elect (Peterson) verbal report

She is devising ways to encourage her colleagues to become members. She is trying to think outside of the box to find new ways to relate to today's young teachers and get them involved in MASTA and to also get string teachers in the state to want to be a part of this organization. The question is what do we have to do to make this an organization that is appealing to them?

Past President's Report

Add her report

Secretary Report (Trotter) motion to accept Fritzemeier and Alwin second Amend Caitlin Mihalko spelling of her first name. All "i" not a "y"

Treasurer Report (Kolk) motion to accept report Villasurda second Peterson

We are looking for a new accountant. Please send a name. Tax exempt document is on our website. Reminder, MASTA will not reimburse sales tax. When you make a deposit, please put your programs name on the deposit slip. We opened a CD that included monies from the Kendall i, Elizabeth Green and the MASTA funds - the funds will mature on Monday. What do we want to do with this? Currently, we have \$20,000 and earn an investment of about \$2 a month. Motion made to put these funds in a 12 month investment so that we will study what to do with these funds - by Villasurda second by Peterson (PASSED)

Member-at-Large (Villasurda) verbal report

He verbally introduced some of the new teachers in the state. He has made contact with several of the new teachers and plans to continue to make contact with the rest of the new string teachers in the state and offer his assistance on behalf of MASTA. Please send names of new teachers to Gabe so that he can make contact. Remember, they do not need to be members of MASTA, this is one of our offerings that will increase membership.

Project Directors Report

MASTA String Camps (Milhalko) – moved to accept Kolk/knecht

This year we had 309 student participants. The MASTA teacher rewards scholarship was a great success. For the 2015 Camps she is proposing to continue to this scholarship. She has 3 budget proposals:

Proposal 1 – Keep the current budget/ Returning to the original pricing of sessions/ No \$10 teacher discount

Proposal 2 – Returning to the Original Pricing sessions/ No \$10 teacher discount./ adding for Counselor/teacher \$25 per @ session 1 \$50 per session 2 and 3

Proposal 3 – Returning to original pricing of sessions/ No \$10 teacher discount/ Counselor–teacher bonus \$50 at session 1 and \$100 for session 2 and session 3/ Counselor–non teacher, returning 2+ yeas \$25 for session 1 and \$5– for session 2 or 3

Fritzmeier move that we accept proposal 3 for the 2015 MASTA Camp –second by Villasurda. (PASSED)

Mihalko move to do another of year of the \$50 for teachers sending over 5 students – second Trotter (PASSED)

Chamber Music Festival/Competition (Peters) Verbal report

February 24th is the date for the Chamber music competition and festival at Eastern Michigan University. He is still working of obtaining sponsors for our Chamber Music Festival. We already have confirmation from Marshall Music.

We need to have scholarship for those who will be representing us at MYAF.

He will contact Peter Tolia to take on the scholarship for MYAF. Also, MYAF normally gives us \$800 that we may choose to use for this scholarship.

He will be writing an article to put on our website.

Bass Workshop (Kolk) verbal report

He has gotten with Diane Winder and Derek Weller to do a bass workshop at EMU. We are going to have a workshop on the West side of the state. Grand Rapids Community College is available and there are several pending dates for this workshop. There would be a cost to use this facility. They will also try to find a place that is free.

There have been meetings where between others about rotating the instrument emphasis that would be done on Westside, eastside and central portion of the state. In Okemos, this seemed to go over very well when Marilyn Kesler had a cello workshop only. We've had good success with the Troy Bass workshop although it struggles with getting returning members.

MASTA blog (Glawe) No Report

Mihalko is working on the advertisers.

Membership (Palmieri/ Allan) verbal report

There is an increase of 10. It was suggested that each MASTA board member try to recruit 5 people each. We need to go for the members btw the age of 20 – 40 year olds.

MMC (Brosnan/Mihalko)

This is the 10th anniversary of the MMC. Our headliner is Stephan Benham. The opening ceremony is this year there is a colleague concert. You must audition to become competition to become a participating ensemble on the colleague concert you must submit an audition tape and there will be a panel from the MMC committee that will select those groups that will perform.

We will not be having a luncheon it is a regular session at 9AM on Saturday (there will be coffee). It is one hour in length and there will be the performance. The reason for this change was monetary, every year the price goes up and the quality goes down. There is a new company in charge of the MMC this year and the prices have changed. We are the last of the 4 groups to go to this format. The yearly survey about the luncheon for the past few years, we have continuously received more criticism about the food and that they were missing a lot of session. This is a done deal for this year. Once again, in January, after the conference another survey will be sent out to see if

this new format is agreeable to the membership. The time for the soloist performance is 10 minutes only. We will use the same format as last year: Call to order, minutes, treasurers' report, acknowledgment of Teacher/Administrator of the year and the soloist performance.

MSBOA (Fritzmeier) verbal report

Mid Level String Clinic the date is October 18th. Dan Scott and Melissa Meyers are coming to the east side of the state and Dave Reed and James Grosse will be going to the west side of the state for the Middle Level String Clinics.

At the state level one of the biggest items for discussion is whether or not to include home school organizations in the festivals. There are a lot of members who feel that the home school groups should not be allowed in the festivals.

Outreach and National Honors Orchestra (Alwin) motion to accept Fritzmeier second Brosnan

Grants deadlines September 1, January 1 and April 1

Grants for September 1st include:

1. Joe DeMarsh – for an event in October 2014 with the Moxie Strings doing 2 clinics and a concert
2. Chris Meyer – for an event in December with the Moxie strings and a ½ day clinic

I move that we grant the 2 above grants to Joe DeMarsh and Chris Meyer by Mihalko second Kolk [passed]

Studio Teaching (Knect)

We had a low number of people who participated in this competition to publish articles on string pedagogy/research. Only 4 students participated in this competition. There were 2 winners and they are:

1ST Place – Zachary Weisman “Teaching rhythm: History and discussion of Tactics”

2nd Place – Hannah Andrews “Relationship between Classical violin/viola training and Improvisation”

Insert proposal on handout

Proposal 1: a revision to the MASTA studio Teaching projects competitions as

Solo competition (Knect) Move to accept Alwin second Kolk

The MASTA Solo competition would alternate between the national.
A new donor is Baroque Violins.

****Knecht Proposal that the Michigan solo competition will initiate a rotation between the ASTA National Competition beginning the 2015/2016 year second by**

Fritzmeier motioned to vote on the Budget via email second Trotter (PASSED)

Budget1 proposal for an \$1,880 budget(online voting) [Passed]

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MASTA Studio teacher conference – She has discussed with Wendy Azrak about organizing a studio teacher conference in conjunction with the Phoenix fest in July. The next step is to talk with Gabe Bolkosky about this. The university is already set up for this. This is just a beginning thought process that will be continued to be explored.

The Michigan solo competition has been designed to be compatible with the ASTA national competition. Application deadline is in November. We have a new donor – Baroque Violins. Now that the state and national are separated we can do something different. We are the only state that is doing the same thing as the nation. Melissa would like to alternate between the ASTA National and would start this in 2015. She would like to use this year researching how to revamp our Solo competition. We may need to do an online voting process in the spring in order to run a viable competition next year.

Studio Teaching (Dana Duncan) verbal report

Dana has met with Melissa and Diane to become abreast of what is going on and has already formulated areas in which she would like to develop.

Website (Lokey) move to accept Fritzmeier/Alwin [PASSED]

We are now using “Word Press” for our website. It is just about finished.

He is requesting that we go to the sandbox or dummy site look at the site and send any glitches to Lokey
at www.astamichigan.org/wp

If anyone need to get something out to the general membership please email:
members@astamichigan.org

Updates from the project directors would be sent to be placed on the Blog

The goal is to have this up and running in a month.

Program Affiliate Reports

Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp (Kesler) verbal report

The camp was great. Administratively, Blue Lake is now doing more instead of Pat Smith doing it all.

SSA (Azrak)

Check the report

Old Business

None

New Business

1. Lifetime achievement award needs a nomination process for this award. Motion to honor Dan Long and Maryln Kesler with the Life time achievement by Peterson second Kolk (PASSED)
2. Please look at how to put our winners names on the National Lifetime achievement awards
3. Friday evening party at the top with each bringing a guest with desert and coffee/tea etc.
4. Motion to be \$1200 be allocated for the ASTA Suite for this 2015 MMC conference by Palmerie second Fritzmeier (PASSED)

Michigan East Bass Workshop presented by Larry Hutchinson

Adjournment at 2: Move by Allen moved second by Kolk

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter