

## **Executive Board Meeting**

January 18, 2017

6 pm Dinner Meeting

Bull's Head Restaurant

Present: Janis Peterson, Dan Scott, Ellen Boyer, Tim Staudacher, Linda Trotter

Face time: Bryan Kolk

1. Newsletter debrief – All reports positive
2. TOY list of awardees – A search was on for a list of past Teacher of the Year recipients. The list was found along with a list of past presidents. Linda was asked to send all old minutes so they can be archived on the MASTA website with other lists.
3. MDE Teacher Certification collaboration – the Executive Board approved joining the other Michigan Music Educator organizations in a recommendation for Teacher Certification and Evaluation to the Michigan Department of Education initiated by the MMEA.
4. AOY process – In the rare occurrence that more than one nomination is received for Administrator of the Year, the winner will be chosen by the Executive Board.
5. Secretary request – a few members asked if minutes could be posted within 30 days of a meeting. Linda Trotter accepted that responsibility and it will be added to the Secretary's job description.
6. Board member reports – Board members will continue to be asked for reports prior to a scheduled meeting and will be expected to read other submissions prior to a meeting in order to make meetings shorter/more efficient. It was decided that each project director will be given 4 minutes to review their reports with a notice given at 3 minutes.
7. Insurance – Bryan received a less expensive quote for insurance. Janis is working with the national office to find out what we need and what is covered by ASTA.
8. Krohn resignation – Tim Krohn will resign after the Chamber Fest and will notify Michael Hopkins. Janis will work with Michael to see if a replacement is needed and who he would like.
9. Studio Teacher workshop – Options were discussed. Central Michigan U might be a good location. Janis will contact CMU. The weekend of July 30/31 (Sunday/Monday) was recommended. A deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> was set to have all details in place and invitations sent. We would like two sessions running concurrently with the inclusion of pedagogical info as well as business. Janis will contact Larry Hutchinson to see if DSO members would be willing to help. Mark Kotchenruther and the Wellers will also be contacted.
10. Budget review – it looks like we are on track financially. We are TRYING to spend a little this year and are succeeding. Dan Scott has info about a non-profit mutual fund that would probably work for our cd which we would like to reinvest before Sept. 15.
11. MASTA merch? The idea of getting MASTA pencils and/or stickers was proposed.
12. MMC – a discussion was held about the concern expressed by members of holding the conference at Amway/DeVos because some are upset about Betsy DeVos' Education Sec'y nomination and her positions on public education. It was pointed out that the hotel is now owned by Hilton and that not much of the MMC facility is connected to the

DeVos Family anymore. Some were concerned about finding a place where everything is under one roof and where there is a concert hall. There is a contract between the MMC and Amway thru 2020 so it's a moot point at this time.

13. ASTA conference gift basket – it was proposed that we sponsor something at the ASTA conference rather than spend \$100+ to send a gift basket. People bid less than its worth and it would be better to forego that tradition.