

MASTA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Michigan Music Conference Ottawa Room

Executive Board Meeting at 1 PM

Full Board Meeting at 2 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

Members present: Tim Staudacher, Diane Winder, Bryan Kolk, Janis Peterson, Linda Trotter, Gabrielle Villasurda

Tim called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

President and Executive board members shared their thoughts for today's meeting.

It was discussed that Nathan Peters would be stepping down as the chair of Chamber Music Festival. The members of the quartet will only serve as clinicians. They cannot do the performance at the Chamber Music Festival.

Suggestion was made for Max Nicks to replace the Nathan or the MMC committee. MMC we should have 3 inline in the position. It was also suggested that we ask Michael Hopkins to get involved in the Chamber Music

Adjudication stipend of \$600 has been cut \$300. This was being used to assist the students at MYAF.

The Nominating committee is gathering candidates for the executive board officers. Tim Krohn and Nathan Peters names were tossed around as possible candidates.

We are doing well with our finances. \$12,820 was a surplus from the MASTA Camps. The Okemos Cello was very successful. They made \$1,200.00 from the Okemos program.

Brian would like to update some of the responsibilities for mileage and IRS. Reimbursement for the MMC expenses can get up to \$50. The president is eligible of up to \$500 for the National MASTA meeting. We have traditionally been paying the whole cost of this conference so we will continue to continue to pay the entire fee for National ASTA meeting.

Janis will be scanning important documents that are on the computer notebooks. Historical documents will be sent to Shar.

Full Board Meeting

Members present: Tim Staudacher, Diane Winder, Bryan Kolk, Janis Peterson, Linda Trotter, Gabrielle Villasurda, Richard Piippo, Caitlin Mihalko, Melissa Knecht, Anne Marie Jones, Burke Lokey, Nathan Peters, Valerie Palmarie, Jonathan Glawe, Eric Marta, Larry Dittmar, Jeb Fritzmeier,

Call to order – 2:30 pm

Introductions

1. Secretary Report (Trotter)

Approval of Minutes from September 19th, 2015 (Trotter)

Minutes posted

Pippo moved Winder 2nd

Discussion

Approved

A. President (Staudacher)

Tim acknowledged the respect that he has for all of the board and all of the work that they are doing for MASTA.

B. President-Elect (Peterson)

Janis acknowledged the honor of becoming President. She stated that she was very excited to go to the March National Conference.

She also shared that she found out this year that districts around her home were not hiring certified music teachers. She took the initiative to speak to the board and used social media to get more people to attend a board meeting. The superintendent informed her that the district will be hiring certified music teachers from now on.

C. Past President/Student Chapters (Winder)

She discussed the nominating committee for the elected positions that we have. Elections will be held in mid winter for President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Member-At-Large. Diane mentioned that she would welcome suggestion for this position.

There are Student Chapters at Grand Valley, EMU, MSU and UofM. There is a student chapter in Marquette. She wants to motivate student chapters to send info to the blog.

D. Treasurer (Kolk)

MASTA Camp had a surplus of \$12,820.00

Okemos Suzuki had a surplus of \$1,200.00

The biggest problem that we have is that our balance. We currently have \$63,000 is what we have in our bank.

Reminder for program directors was to send an email for all deposits.

E. Member-at-Large (Villasurda)

There are 29 new teachers in our state or at new jobs in our state.

To date, He has visits have been made to Traverse City, Chippewa Hills, Caleonia, Adrian and Clarkston.

PROJECT DIRECTOR REPORTS

Camps (Mihalko)

Applications are now being accepted.

MASTA will still offer scholarship to teachers who have sent to the camp over 10 students to the camp.

Hiring is on the way and she would prefer to hire music majors.

The website is www.mastastringcamps.com

We will be implementing at \$25 late fee.

STUDIO TEACHING (presented by Tim)

Anna and Derek Weller are now doing the studio teacher. They will be doing a session at 10 am Saturday Morning.

Chamber Music Festival/Competition (Peters)

This is the 25 year anniversary on March 7th at MSU. The Kronos quartet are the quest clinician. They will teach, coach and judge the competition.

We have Barroque, Shar, D'Addario, Psarinos and Mark Swarch Violins are the new sponsors. We have an anonymous donor for the prize fund. He would like to have more to participate in the chamber music workshop.

The deadline for application is February .

Tim has proposed that MASTA cover the entrance fee of the MASTA quartet at the MYAF .
Motion made by Villasurda and Palmieri second – **passed**

Amendment is that MASTA will cover the entrance fee of the MASTA quartet at the MYAF not to exceed \$1000.00 total. If it is more than \$1000.00 it must have board approval.

Motion made by Valerie and Villasurda second – **passed**

Nathan mentioned that he will be leaving this position after this festival/competition and we need to find a replacement.

Bass Workshop (Kolk)

The Eastside Bass Workshop is April 16th at EMU. There is building that is free of charge at with Aaron Tenney. They are working to expand up in northern Michigan. Application fee is \$45.00.

D. MASTA Blog/Website (Glawe and Lokey)

It was discussed that we are getting content for the blog but it is coming in slowly. Protocol dictates that blog material must be sent to Jonathan first not Burke because he is the editor.

We must submit an article in case of low content. Send to Jonathan.

There was a discussion about a possible blog about inclusion of transgender students in our programs and sending them to camp, etc.

Larry was interview about the Kenya project. – Larry shared how the Kenya project came to be.

There is a need for a music building. A student in Ann Arbor came up with an idea that if each student in the state of Michigan could contribute \$1 then we could build the school. Send the check and picture to Larry for the KUEF (Kenya U??? Educational Fund)

Website (Lokey)

There were over 6600 views on the website. The top referring site was Facebook, masta strings.com, National website, troy strings. Link the website to your website.

He will be the MSBOA Liaison. He would like to have someone to take over if at all possible. He did say he will continue until a replacement is found.

One of the posts came out with a spam but he was able to fix this. Our spam tolerance level has been raised.

The comment section needs to be adjusted.

Our sponsors are being rotated. We do not have a lot of sponsors.

E. Membership (Allen/Palmieri)

It was discussed that during the teacher orchestra, Val found out that there are too many who are not members of ASTA. Currently, we have around 400 members. She also, gave us a reminder for us to remember to inform first year teachers that they get a free 1 year membership.

F. Michigan Youth Arts (Piippo)

Everything will be decided by the end of February.

G.MMC (Milhalko/Jones)

Caitlin requested that she would like the president to send out a letter to everyone that is here and what is the goal of our organization for the MMC. She would like the mission and goal of the MMC about how our sessions are scheduled.

H. MSBOA Liaison (Fritzemeier)

All-State, members that are applying to perform at the conference or all state, students will have to choose which one they will be doing; either playing with their school ensemble or at all state ensembles.

there was a big discussion of why only 4 directors participated in the Director Development Days

Burke is being placed on the ballot to be the MSBOA Liason for next year

Northern Michigan Initiative (Marta)

The chamber festival was held early this year due to the weather. Instead of students performing it was more of a coaching session. There were 97 students who participated.

The Big String Concert these was Super Hero;

There was a new teacher in the Upper Peninsula with Joe Harmsen.

The Marquette Symphony will be celebrating its' 20th year anniversary.

The upper peninsula youth orchestra has really taken off. They rehearse on Sundays and have now become a full orchestra.

J. Outreach and National Honors Orchestra (Alwin)

K. State/National Solo Competition/Research Projects Competition (Knecht)

The National Solo Competition is annual. The MASTA competition is every other year. The first round is a youtube and drop box. The second round will be a recital. St. Marks Episcopal Church is a great location for the final round of the competition and it would be a free concert.

A revision to the MASTA Solo Competition as follows: The biennial competition will be held in the next academic year 2016-2017. The competition will have two rounds. The first round will be a recorded entry via YouTube or drop box. The second and final round will be a live event, presented as a recital during the MMC as two sessions (one and one half hours). In addition to a panel of judges, the audience will also be given the opportunity to vote on the top two winners.

The MASTA Competition will include the same repertoire as the national

Motion made by Melissa and seconded by Diane W. - Passed

Program Affiliate Reports

A. Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp (Kesler)

No report

B. SSA (Wendy Azrak)

There were 15 participants at the EEC session. In attendance were students from MSU and U of M and a few private teachers. Suzuki SSA, a new course is being taught on book 1. The SSA conference will be Memorial Day weekend in Minn.

Suzuki activities in MI the teachers gather every couple of months around the state.

Old Business – None

New Business

Outreach and National Honors Orchestra - Alwin

To offer two competitive scholarships for \$100 each to attend any of the MASTA camps, through the Ann Arbor Public Schools Unified Scholarship Auditions in February 2016 on a trial basis.

Each year, the Ann Arbor Public Schools has a “unified summer camp scholarship audition” on a Saturday in the winter. On this day, three AAPS music teachers assist camps and local service organizations in determining which students will receive specialized scholarships. We currently support the Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club, the Ann Arbor Women’s Association of the Ann Arbor Symphony, Interlochen Arts Camps, and New England Music Camp. This would be a wonderful way to help recruit AAPS students to attend the MASTA camps.

Motion Abby and Caitlin second – Passed

Grants requests

Grant for Rebecca Hunter, Ann Arbor Suzuki Institute \$500 requested – Changed to Professional Development request of \$250

Funds would be used to support a guest artist as part of the 6-hour course “What Every Musician Needs to Know about the Body”. Rebecca Hunter is teaching the trial course and will be mentored by Jessica Johnson as part of her licensing process. Funds are being asked to help cover the cost of travel for Ms. Johnson to be in attendance. Event took place on December 12, 2015.

Motion by Burke and Peterson second – Passed

Karin Code, Violapalooza! \$500 requested

Funds would be used to bring in a guest artist, Katrin Meidel, from Ball State University as part of the Violapalooza event scheduled for February 13, 2016. Students from around the Kalamazoo area will benefit from Master Classes, Sectionals, Viola choir, coaching and a concert. Total budget costs are expected to be \$1200. Student registration fees, as well as one additional source of income (\$100 from Scott Tribbey Violins), are expected to cover \$700 of the cost.

Motion by Abby and Bryan second - Passed

Janis gave us a thought for assisting a string education scholarship from Masta.

Motion to adjourn Peterson Seconded by Glawe – Passed

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter