

# MASTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING NOTES

Saturday, May 14, 2016  
Western Michigan University  
Executive Board Meeting at 11 AM

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Members present: Tim Staudacher, Janis Peterson, Linda Trotter, Nick Mosley, Larry Dittmar, Dan Scott, Ellen Boyer, Brian Kolk, Burke Lokey, and Diane Winder

Tim called the meeting to order at 11:06 AM

### Discussions:

- ❖ Tim shared with us about the health concerns of Richard Piippo. He is in the hospital. Janis Peterson took over for Richard's responsibilities. Libor Ondras from Grand Rapids Community College took over for Richard for coaching the quartet.
- ❖ Dan Scott has been the rep for the MMC executive board. Things have changed for the better. There has been a discussion about moving the MMC to Detroit. The majority of the organizations agreed to keep the MMC in Grand Rapids. Janis will be our representative next year. Jim Van Eizenga (Novi) and Anne Marie for the planning committee. Suggestions were made for the future endeavor with the MMC was to increase the conference to add Sunday. Larry mentioned that since we are making a profit that we should pay for the board members MMC fee to attend. Also, the suggestion to up the fee for our clinicians.
- ❖ Larry Dittmar volunteered to man our booth at the conference again next year. He did ask if we could pay for his room.
- ❖ Send emails to [webmaster@astamichigan.org](mailto:webmaster@astamichigan.org) this will allow things to be sent out.
- ❖ The National Conference was in Florida. Bill Jones is the president elect for ASTA (national). Next years' conference will be held in Pittsburg.
- ❖ The camber festival celebrated its 25<sup>th</sup> year this year. We did not need the extra funds. The results were outstanding. Dr. Michael Hopkins will be taking over next year. Most likely it will be at U of M.
- ❖ The bass workshop is running today. We would like to have a workshop on the west side and in Traverse City.
- ❖ The futures committee is working to create by-laws that relates to MASTA. This summer we will have a meeting to go over the old by-laws to tweak it to fit to our style.

- ❖ The national solo competition did not occur this year. Melissa Knecht went to Shar and they gave us some money. Camp had a huge profit this year. The Suzuki program made a huge profit. The Chamber Music took a slight loss.
- ❖ The Elizabeth Green, John Kendall and Louis Potter funds are not being used at this time. There is \$20,290.51 in a CD (certificate of deposit) at this time. The Elizabeth Green fund is being used for the Solo Competition Fund. Discussion on how the John Kendall and Louis Potter funds are being used.
- ❖ Currently we have over 42,807.63 in our bank account.
- ❖ Brian was asked to come up with what he would like to do for the fall meeting. It was also mentioned to discuss this at the summer retreat.
- ❖ The fall meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Janis expressed that this was a great opportunity to take over for Richard Piippo. Wendy Azarak was so touched to be recognized at the MYAF dinner. The summer retreat is August 11<sup>th</sup> at Karen and Dave Viele's. There will be some topics that we will discuss at the meeting. Why are we not having master classes (MASTA Classes)? There are people who do not want to go to the MMC because they do not want to be alone. How can we help them not to be alone?
- ❖ Diane Winder thought that we might want to pay for the MYAF quartet winners.
- ❖ Larry Dittmar thanked us who participated with the Kenya project. The Kenya government has decided that this will be in placed in all of the schools in the country. There is a fundraisers in MI where they are asking every band/ orchestra/choir students/teachers to contribute \$1 per person to help raise the funds to build a building for the Kenya music program. Need to send this before the end of the school year.
- ❖ MMC – every four years they rotate the suite now it will be every other year with 2 suites available. Also introduce the board members.
- ❖ Nich what can we offer to teachers and their student to show why it is important to be a part of MASTA. This organization is more about the teacher and not the student.
- ❖ We really need to be aggressive in building a community in our MASTA.

Motion to adjourn by 1:27 by Tim and second Linda

Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter