

**MASTA Executive Board Meeting**  
**May 6, 2017**  
**Video Conference**

Members present: Janis Peterson, Dan Scott, Tim Staudacher, Bryan Kolk and Linda Trotter

Meeting called to order at 9:19 AM

**Minutes:**

Minutes were presented by Trotter. Motion to approve by Staudacher and seconded by Scott. There were a few corrections that were requested and/or brought to the Secretary's attention.

**President Report:**

- Janis discussed the leadership training that will be in Pittsburg. Information discussed were things that were being done around the country through the various chapters of ASTA.
- Summer Retreat was discussed. The date is June 19<sup>th</sup> at the MASTA Camp at the Howell Nature Center. The morning will focus on our Constitution review.
- There is a possible issue that may need to be addressed for the MASTA Camp. This is a Transgender student and where they should bunk. We need to check our insurance and legalities of this.
- Recruiting and retaining our membership was discussed. We were all asked to think about ways to build up our membership. Some suggestions were:
  - a) Giving a gift for members who have been active for 3 continuous years. Suggestions were: a MASTA/ASTA mug, picture frame, polo shirt
  - b) Reminding first year teachers that they receive their first year membership for free. They must sign up and submit a letter with receipt to Bryan and they will be reimbursed.

- c) Free pens for showing our membership card.
- Officers are needed for a few positions. Please make suggestions to Tim Staudacher. We need to have the ballot ready for publication by November.
- Reimbursement for mileage – this will be discussed at the retreat
- National Information – Dan will send MASTA’s calendar of events to the National office.
- Studio Teacher workshop – There are several questions that Janis asked:
  - a) How can we do this?
  - b) Who can be the point person to organize it?
    - Suggestion was made for to ask Boyer and Larry Hutchinson to assist in this endeavor.
- Janis asked about the Budget: Bryan stated that as of January we had \$42,000 for the 2016 year. We started in January with \$36,000.
- Janis stated that she would like to create a budget and vote on it at every September meeting.
- SPA (String Pedagogy Assembly) would be very beneficial for our members around the state. Suggestion was to have several small gatherings.
- MMC Party – This is MASTA’s year to have the suite during the MMC. We will have our meeting in the suite. We will also host a reception for new teachers, college students, and MASTA members.
- This year’s Life Time Achievement Award is Bob Ritsma
- Annual Meeting will be Friday morning from 8:30 – 11.
- Janis suggested that we rotate the person who is running the booth. She stated that they should receive a free room for their services. Question was asked on whether or not we need a contract.
- Janis stated that when we send emails we should use the codes:
  - RR (Reply Requested) NRN (No Reply Needed) in the memo section of our emails.
- Our MMC headliner is Louis Bergonzi.

Good for the Order:

- Dan stated that he will be interviewing Bob Phillips and Alan McNair for our Website.
- It was announced that over 40 sessions were submitted for MMC.
- There will be a session on Homo-sexuality in the music classroom.
- Reminder that all of our MASTA minutes are housed at Shar.
- Request was made to list all Teachers of the Year awardees on our website.
- Reminder that our next meeting will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Linda and Dan will be representing ASTA at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

Motion to adjourn by Linda seconded by Dan

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter