

MASTA Executive Board Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Plymouth Canton High School

Member present: Dan Scott, Janis Peterson, Michael Hopkins, Linda Trotter, Ellen Boyer and Burke Lokey

Meeting call to Order at 10:00 AM

Minutes (Trotter) Motion to accept Janis and seconded by Ellen - PASSED

Discussion Topics

- The Studio Teacher's Workshop –
 - a. There was high praise for Andrea Yun and all that she did to facilitate the workshop.
 - b. Should we stay during this time of the year? Consensus was yes.
 - c. There were only 16 teachers present at the workshop.
 - d. There were 16 people, who did not attend, that who purchased videos of the workshop.
 - e. How often should we move the location? The discussion consensus was every other year for now.
 - f. A question was presented if Andrea would run the workshop if it was at a different location?
 - g. It was noted that Andrea donated her fee to make certain that the workshop stayed as close to budget as possible. It was a negative \$50
 - h. Discussion on the prices for members (\$50) versus non -members (\$75) and that we needed to add a student rate (\$25).

Motion by Hopkins and seconded by Trotter to give Andrea a \$100 generic gift card in appreciation of her hard work for this event since she did not receive compensation. – PASSED

Treasurer's Report (Burke) we lost \$4,000 last year. Things did not stay on budget.

Burke talked about our Money Market account where we have \$20,000 and it is only earning \$100 a year. Dan has an investor in the Grand Rapids arena that will be able to invest this money were we would earn 6% interest. He questioned if we should move the funds early so that we could make more in interest on this account.

Motion by Janis and second by Mike to close the current CD and move it to the Non-profit stock investment firm if the fee is under \$100 to do so now. – PASSED

President- Elect Report (Michael) Resource Guide – Mike will work to find ways to cut the cost of the guide to \$1,500 instead of the current \$1,900.

Teacher and Administrator of the Year Awards: If there are more than 3 people nominated for these awards, the Executive Board will narrow it down to three. Michael will create a new guideline for these awards.

Ballot for the Executive Board: The committee for finding nominees are Janis, Mark Kotchenruther and Alan McNair.

There must be two people running for each of the following positions: Secretary, President-Elect and Member-At-Large.

President Report (Dan) informed us that National ASTA stated that there should only be One Executive Board, consisting of President, President-Elect, Past President, Secretary, Treasurer and Member-At-Large. The second portion, of our meeting, new title is “Project Directors Meeting”.

MASTA participation at the MYAF is being questioned because our Teacher of the Year recipients who are retired or not teaching in a school (studio teachers), will not be recognized at the dinner reception by MEEMIC. Dan will check to see if MASTA can present this award at the dinner instead of MEEMIC.

Dan reminded us that MASTA is hosting a party in the Executive Suite this year. We must make certain that we invite our headliner, advertisers and Bobby McFarrin.

Discussion regarding our organizations insurance has lapsed. We are covered by National ASTA but do we or should we get more liability insurance? Dan will talk to Bob and Pam Phillips on this topic and bring more information to us at the next meeting.

Past President Report (Janis) Janis shared the Policy manual with us. Somethings that were stated that should be included is the TOY and AOY limit to 3 nominee’s guidelines. If there are more than 3 nominated, the Executive board will make the final decision to make create the 3 person nominees.

In addition, the MSBO Liaison position needs to be added to our Policy Manual. Mike Hopkins will send us his recommendations for this position and how it fits into MASTA and we will vote on it.

Meeting adjourned to the Project Director’s Meeting

Project Director's Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 12 noon

Members present: Dan Scott, Michael Hopkins, Janis Peterson, Burke Lokey, Ellen Boyer, David Reed, Joe Harmsen, Candace Chappell, Caitlyn Mihalko, Jim Van Eizenga, Allie Holden and Linda Trotter.

Minutes (Trotter) – Motion to accept minutes Janis – seconded by Ellen – Passed

Treasurer Report (Burke) – Motion to accept minutes Joe – seconded by Janis – Passed

Remember to use the tax-exempt form

Member-at-Large Report (Ellen) –

Ellen announced her retirement from the board beginning this May

President Elect Report (Michael) –

*Shared information about this fall's Teachers' Forum and publicly thanked Andrea Yun on an outstanding workshop.

*Joe Harmsen was acknowledged and thanked on his excellent work for advertising

*Michael stated that the TOY and AOY guidelines and descriptions needed to be more specific and detailed. He will forward this to the Executive Board and we will vote on. We all agree that past awards winners will not be eligible. This year the TOY is for Studio teachers.

Past President Report (Janis)

*Janis has updated the Policy Manual and requested that if something is missing to send it to her or Dan. She reminded us that the updates are to be completed every 2 years.

*The Executive Board needs to have nominations for this year, one for Secretary and the other for Member-at-Large.

*Janis also requested that MASTA members start a student chapter of MASTA

*Everyone received a copy of his or her job descriptions and we need to peruse it, correct it and give it back to Janis within 2 weeks from today.

*Job descriptions should be in the "Policy Manual"

President's Report (Dan)

*Our Suzuki Liaison, Rebecca Hunter, is stepping down. Dan would like to replace this position of the Suzuki Liaison and Blue Lakes Suzuki Camp into one. He request names for this position to be shared with him.

*MMC – This is the 15th year Anniversary of the MMC.

* Dan is the Chair of this Conference

*Rebecca McLeod is the MASTA Headliner

*Bobby McFerrin is doing the Thursday Night Opening Concert. There will be a Master Class with McFerrin from 5 – 6:30PM Thursday and members of the Master Class will be invited to join him on stage for the opening concert.

Chamber Music Festival (Michael)

*The date is Monday, March 2nd at UofM.

*The guest quartet is Muse Ensemble

*It is requested that in the spirit of this event only one person per part should be in any participating group

Motion to accept the Chamber Music proposed for this budget by Caitlyn and seconded by Janis - PASSED

MASTA Camps

*This years' rates went up due to the need for more facilities.

*Official report is on the MASTA Website

*The camp students who have special needs must provide this information on the registration form so that we can be aware and serve all of our campers better.

*\$50 to teachers came from the CAMP Budget and needs to be added to the camp budget not MASTA's Budget

Motion to accept the MASTA Camp budget "B" by Janis and seconded by Joe - PASSED

MMC (Jim)

*Bobby McFerrin workshop is for the first 100 people who register to participate in the concert and check the box for the registration when they register

*Teacher Orchestra is the Jackson Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Matthew Aubin.

*List to sign up to be a Presider will be emailed soon.

Solo Competition – No Report

Out Reach

Grant requests were:

*\$500 - Program grant for Joe Harmsen for the Low Strings Festival and coaches

*\$250 – Professional grant Joe Harmsen to pursue a MA in Music

Motion to approve the grant requests by Ellen and seconded by Caitlyn - PASSED

The budget for grants will now be \$2,000 for Program/Professional grants and \$3,000 for Camp scholarships.

MYAF (Dave)

*Dave has been assisting MSBOA at the MYAF and they are picking up 50% of his bill.

*He proposed 2 budgets:

1. \$250 for Clinician which includes 2 coaching sessions
2. \$60 student reimbursement fee

3. Motion to accept the MASTA Camp budget “B” by Janis and seconded by Trotter - PASSED

*Dave also stated that his expense for the festival is \$400

*MEEMIC has stated that they will only recognize current school teachers at the MYAF Ceremony. Dan will ask if MASTA can give our own award at this event since this year’s winner will be a Studio Teacher.

Northern Michigan Initiative (Eric/Janis)

The Upper Peninsula Youth Orchestra held its annual audition in the fall.

The Superior String Alliance had a successful summer season with five sessions and an adult summer camp. Over 100 students participated.

The Marquette Summer Strings program performed three concerts this summer.

The Escanaba orchestra program has been expanded to include 2 high school orchestra classes.

Advertising (Joe)

*Sponsorship is up this year

Platinum Sponsor – Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp

Gold Sponsor – Meyer Music and Shar Music

**Remember, any level sponsor should be invited to the MASTA Reception at MMC

MSBOA Liaison – No Report

Suzuki Liaison – Reminder that this is the 50th Anniversary Concert of the Ann Arbor Institute on October 1 at 6PM at Pease Auditorium

Studio Teacher Workshop

It was agreed that we will change location but the 2020 location will remain in Ann Arbor.

Resource Guide

Will be continued. We will continue to look at ways to lower the cost of the guide

Calendar

October 19th – Bass Fest West

Motion to accept the Bass Fest West by Janis and seconded by Joe - PASSED

New Business

The Summer Retreat Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at the MASTA Camp.

Suggestion to create at MASTA Chamber Orchestra Festival – this topic is on hold at this time.

Motion to adjourn at 1:49PM but Janis and seconded by Ellen - PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter