

# **MASTA Executive Board Meeting**

Wednesday, January 15, 2020  
Boars Head Restaurant, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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

Meeting called to Order at 6:00 Pm

**Minutes** (Trotter) Motion to accept Burke and seconded by Ellen – PASSED

**Treasurer's Report** (Burke) Motion to accept Janis and seconded Ellen – PASSED

**Member-at-Large** (Ellen)

**President-Elect** (Hopkins)

**Past-President** (Peterson)

- Many of the Board members and Project directors have not submitted their job descriptions
- It was difficult in getting two people to run in the various positions
- According to the by-laws, the Past President is in charge of the board members election. The rationale is that the Past President does not have anything to gain or lose from the election.
- Consider starting a student MASTA Chapter

**President** (Dan)

- Reminder of the party Friday night in the MASTA Suite
- Make certain that we assist at the booth
- Go to the Ribbon Wall and get a free ribbon that says MASTA

## **Old Business**

### **Investments**

We will be switching our CD to an investment. We will be able to get access to the money when needed. If we leave \$20,000 - \$25,000 in the account, we should make at least \$2,000 a year. The investor will change our investments to stay in our window of profit.

## Insurance

We have an insurance provider through National ASTA. This insurance covers us for 1-day events only. We are required to inform the insurance company when we have an event. MASTA camp is not covered with this insurance company. We must get coverage for the camp. Dan will meet with the insurance person at Nationals in Orlando. He thinks we should get coverage for \$500. In addition, Dan will check to see what Howell Nature Center's insurance covers.

## New Business

- National Conference Gathering: Dan requested \$150 for snacks at the MASTA gathering the ASTA Conference in Orlando – PASSED
- MYAF: There is a possibility that MASTA and MSBOA will be pulling out of the MYAF due to the increase costs to the students to participate. MSBOA is covering the difference this year.
- Summer retreat will be July 2, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM Motion by Burke and seconded Hopkins

## MASTA Executive Board and Project Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 16, 2020

Amway Grand (Pearl Room) Grand Rapids, Michigan

Members Present: Dan Scott, Janis Peterson, Michael Hopkins, Burke Lokey, Ellen Boyer, Nick Mosley, Jam Van Eizenga, Eric Marta, Joe Harmsen, Candace Chappell, Allison Holden, Merlyn Beard, Linda Trotter, Melissa Knecht,

Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Welcome and introductions

**Minutes** (Trotter) Motion to accept Peterson and seconded by Harmsen – PASSED

**Treasurer's Report** (Burke) Motion to accept Peterson and Harmsen second – PASSED

The scholarship money was withdrawn from the CD and we are now able to invest it and make more profit in our return. Reminder to use the tax exempt form.

### **Member-at-Large** (Ellen)

Reminder to the board to recommend any first year teacher so that she can contact them.

### **President-Elect** (Hopkins)

Shared information on our headliner, Rebecca McLeod

TOY nominees will be recognized at the General Meeting and all awards will be presented at the MSBOA/MASTA Teacher Orchestra Concert.

The AOY is Ryan Brinks from Troy International Academy.

### **Past-President** (Peterson)

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- It was difficult in getting two people to run in the various positions
- According to the by-laws, the Past President is in charge of the board members election. The rationale is that the Past President does not have anything to gain or lose from the election.
- Consider starting a student MASTA Chapter
- A high School chapter will be recognized – North Pointe High School Orchestra with Aaron and Wendy Tenney
- Michael Hopkins, President; Jed Fritzmiel, President-Elect; Burke Lokey Treasurer; Linda Trotter, Secretary; and Ingrid Dykeman, Member-At-Large

### **President** (Dan)

- Reminder of the party Friday night in the MASTA Suite
- Informal get together Thursday night after the Bobby McFerrin concert in the MASTA Suite
- Go to the Ribbon Wall and get a free ribbon that says MASTA
- There is a need for head liners for next year

Motion to fund a get together at the National Conference for \$150 by MASTA – Scott seconded by Harmsen - PASSED
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### **Chamber Music Festival** (Hopkins)

- The festival is March 2 at University of Michigan School of Music. The guest artists is the Muse Ensemble (Maria Sopen and Kyoko Kashiwagi, violins, Eva Stern viola and Katri Ervamaa, cello)
- Registration deadline is February 12, 2020

- Michael stated that he would be stepping away from the Chamber Music Festival as the project director when he becomes MASTA president. He is recommending Marla Smith as the new project director. She would need to agree to this position.

### **Membership** (Holden)

- We have upper 200 members in our membership.
- Would like to know what category the members are in; students and professional
- New teacher reimbursement should contact Joanna first and she will forward the request Burke so that the scholarship director is aware of the monies withdrawn out of the scholarship budget.
- We should update new membership request at least 2 weeks before any voting.

### **MMC** (Van Eizenga)

- Submit sessions – you must submit to MASTA so that we will be able to select those that are strings sessions
- Suggestions to use retired MASTA members at the MMC

### **Web Master** (Mosley)

### **Solo Competition** (Knecht)

Encourage your students to participate in the festival.

Alon Hayut a cellist from University of Michigan will be performing tomorrow evening

The competition will be November 2020 in Hillsdale Michigan

### **Studio Teacher** (Yun/Scott)

New studio teacher workshop will be in the fall of 2020 at University of Michigan. More information to come.

There will be a students and teacher rates for college students to attend. \$25 student rates, \$55 for MASTA members and \$75 for non MASTA members

### **MASTA Blog** (Chappell)

Please submit articles. There are several new articles coming.

### **Outreach** (Van Eizenga)

Budget is for Professional grants and program is it \$2,000 for both or each.

Outreach will now have \$5,000 that also had \$3,500 for MASTA camp and \$2,000 is for professional and program grants.

Grants requests:

Burke Lokey - \$500.00 for a New York clinic - PASSED

Nathan Peters - \$500.00 to bring in Rodney Page for a clinic - PASSED

Andrea Yun - \$250.00 for Cello Olympics - PASSED with partial request funds

Motion to add \$1,000 to the Outreach budget by Peterson and second by Harmsen – PASSED

Suggestion that when people who receive a grant they send an article for the Blog about the grant and how it was used and benefited the students.

Suggestion that at least one grant per year is to be awarded to a studio teacher.

### **MYAF** (Reed/Scott)

There is a slight problem with MYAF. More information to follow.

MEEMIC, at this time, will not acknowledge our Studio Teacher of the Year because they are not public school teachers. We are working on this to change this.

### **Northern Michigan** (Marta)

- Joe Harmsen is teaching full time strings
- The Marquette Symphony has a Summer Strings concert
- Mark Wood came in from Marquette as a clinician
- Adam Hall is starting a cello studio in Marquette.
- Julia Patselas from the U of Cincinnati is starting a violin studio
- Chamber Music Festival is on February 14
- Honors ensemble audition will be by video only

### **Advertising** (Harmsen)

We have received more sponsors this year totaling \$4,330.00 for the year.

There are swag gifts for a raffle at the general meeting.

### **Liaison Reports MSBOA** (Beard)

Discussion on what is expected from the MSBOA Liaison to ASTA.

Answer from Dan is inform us know what going on in MSBO that is happening in the string/orchestra portion of MSBOA. To continue to help bridge the relationship between MSBOA and MASTA.

We are short with string adjudicator for state solo and ensemble on March 14.

The Mid-Level String Clinics were very successful.

MASTA would like to assist with the Mid-Level string clinic in May so that we can help. Recommendation that the conductors for the clinics are announced in May.

The String Reading session is on September 26, 2020.

## **Suzuki** (Hunter)

We will offer the Every Child Can at the 2021 MMC.

Rebecca Hunter is not interested in remaining the Liaison for Suzuki. We will need a new Liaison.

### **Old Business**

- We are transferring \$25,000 for the CD into investment. The goal is to earn \$2,000 a year and we will let it compound unless we need it.
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Motion to authorize Dan to obtain insurance for the MASTA camp up \$1,000 by Hopkins and second Trotter – PASSED

- Summer Retreat is July 2 at MASTA camp.

Motion to adjourn at 11:43 AM by Peterson and Second Harmsen – PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Trotter