

MASTA Executive Board Meeting
Saturday, May 8, 2021
10AM via Zoom

Members present: Michael Hopkins, Ingrid Dykeman, Dan Scott, Burke Lokey, Linda Trotter, Jed Fritzemeier,

Meeting Called to order at 10:08AM

Welcome

Secretary report, for the Executive Board portion only, presented by Linda Trotter – Motion to accept Scott and second by Dykeman – PASSED

Treasurer's report presented by Lokey – Motion to accept Scott second by Dykeman – PASSED

A matter arising from the treasure's report by Michael Hopkins concerning the MMC funds is because the in this budget there was \$2,500 to be given to us from Nationals. However, this year's MMC lost revenue. However, there was a \$2,800 budget for PD and Grants. We've only used \$250. Michael suggested that we shut the budget for PD and Grants down for this year.

Motion to freeze all future professional Development grants through the summer and seconded by Fritzemeier - PASSED

Member- at – Large presented by Dykeman – (Verbal Report) No one has reached out yet. Now that there is more people back into school, she is going to reach out to new teachers; including teachers who are band teachers who will also teach orchestra/strings.

President Elect presented by Fritzemeier – (Verbal Report) Suggestion to keep the vendor for our plaques.

Past-President Scott (Verbal Report) – Working with the music advocacy and Benner's presentation. No information from the student groups. He needs a time line for the officer's slate. He suggested that everyone vote for the slate of officers, teacher of the year and administrator of the year. Send everything out in December and everything must be completed by January 10.

President Report present by Hopkins – There are two new people joining the board, one is Shawn Boucke for Studio Teacher chair. Mary Kothman will take over the Chamber Music chair. She will take over this festival starting in 2022 and it will be held at Western.

The dates for the 2021 – 22 meetings

Sept. 18 – 10AM Executive Board Meeting: 11 AM Full Board Meeting – Canton HS

Jan. 26 – 6PM – Executive Board Meeting, Grand Rapids

Jan. 27 – 10AM – Full Board Meeting, Amway Grand

Jan. 28 – 8AM General Membership Meeting. 7PM Teacher’s Orchestra

March 7 – Chamber Music Festival at WMS

March 16 – 19 – National Conference and NOF

May 7 (tentative) 10AM – executive Board Meeting

Next year, Michael Hopkins will be adjudicator at the National conference therefore Michael recommended that we send the incoming

Motion to send the incoming president and incoming president elect to the national conference for 2022 by Scott second by Fritzemeier – PASSED

*****Note: We will need to remember that in September we add these funds to send the incoming president and president elect to attend ASTA Nationals into our budget!**

Michael will contact Amy Tenney for membership chairperson.

New Board Members Introduction and virtual visit:

Mary Kothman (mary.kothman@wmich.edu) came to our meeting. She is taking over as the director of the Chamber Music festival as its Chair. Some of Mary’s plans are: the festival is scheduled for Monday, March 7 at Western. Currently, two professors at Western have confirmed as our coaches for the chamber music festival. Still waiting to hear back from two of the other professors of music at Western.

One of the question asked is what performance opportunity will we have for the winning chamber music festival winners? She thinks that we should keep a virtual performance on our website. She will look for other opportunities.

Michael also mentioned the previous suggestions of having the winning ensemble to perform at the MASTA Camp. He mentioned that we have to find some way to show case these students somewhere in the spring and early fall.

Shawn Boucke’ (Shawn.Boucke@gmail.com) came to our meeting. He is taking over as the director of Studio Teaching as its Chair.

Some of Shawn’s ideas about the Policy Manual’s description for the Studio Teacher Chair that he shared with Michael are:

Shawn would like to get a Upper Strings workshop going on. Dan added that maybe we can do more with ASTA Cap into our chapter. Michael asked Shawn to re-develop the policy manual's Studio Teaching chairperson responsibilities.

President's Report cont.

Summer retreat was suggested to be changed from the retreat to **MASTA Post Covid Bar-Be Que Celebration String Fling Wing Ding** in St. Johns on either the weekend of the 7th or 14th of August starting around . Suggested that members are free and non-members pay a fee for food etc.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Trotter