

MASTA Full Board Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2022
Grand Rapids, MI Amway Hotel (Pearl Room)

Members Present: Michael Hopkins, Jed Fritzeimer, Nick Mosley, Jim Van Eizenga, Joanna Van Eizenga, Meryl Beard, Shawn Boucke, Mary Kothman, Amy Tenney, Joe Harmsen, Candace Chappell, Eric Marta, Melissa Knecht, Catlin Mihalko

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda including: Secretary's Report, Treasurer's Report, by Kothman and second Beard – PASSED

President Report (Hopkins)

Introduced the new members on the board:

- ❖ Anne Kearney-Looman as the Blue Lake Suzuki Family Camp Liaison
- ❖ Amy Marr – President Elect
- ❖ Stacey Bowman – Secretary
- ❖ Alan mac Nair – Member-at-Large

MASTA will be hosting a dinner for the National ASTA Conference.

We are still working on the general liability insurance for the camp.

All Project directors should review the job description in the policy manual and update it. Mike requested that the update be as detailed as possible.

Past President Report – None

Chamber Music Festival Report – Kothman

- Currently there are 3 ensembles, total of 11 students, that has signed up. This year judges are the Western Michigan University string faculty.
- There will be an extension for registration for the Chamber Music Festival
- WMU would like MASTA to share student information of all who are participating in the Chamber Music Festival. A suggestion was made to add a box for MASTA to be allowed to share student information with WMU for recruitment.

Motion made by Jim and second by Candace, to not share student contact information with colleges or universities. – PASSED

- Mary stated that there will be a need to hire an additional stage manager for the concerts for 4 ½ hours.
- WMU also recommended that he have the piano tuned if we have an ensemble that will need to use the piano. The cost for this is \$150.00.

Mike requested that Mary build these costs into the Chamber Music budget.

- Mary also mentioned that there is a need for a concert venue for our winning ensemble. Recommendation is to combine with the Stublerg competition since we were approached by Megan Yanky to do a joint competition/concert with them.
- Melissa recommended that we combine the two events, the Solo completion and bring in past winners to perform on the off years with the chamber competition in the future.
- Another suggestion is to add a concert with a chamber ensemble that is at WMU and have our Chamber Festival winner be the opening act.

Solo Competition Report – Melissa

- The budget that was first proposed by Melissa will be revised. It need to include the \$300 for expenses. This will change the budget to \$2,400.00.
- Melissa would like to increase the fees for the competition.

Motion made by Jed and second by Joe, to Increase the fee to \$75 for MASTA Members and \$100 to Non-MASTA members – PASSED.

MASTA Camp – Caitlin

Motion to approve the Covid-19 policy and response plan by Joe and second by Trotter – PASSED

Motion to have proof of full vaccination of staff by Joe and second by Trotter – PASSED

Caitlin will require all staff to have a one week screening just like the students.

Teachers will be able to upload a note that it's ok for the student to go to camp.

Sarh Maurice will be the on-site camp director for session 2 and 3. Joe Harmsen will be the assistant director this year. Caitlin will still be the program Direction.

This years' dates are June 17 – 19, June 20 – 24 and June 26 – July 2.

Outreach Chair – Joanna

One request from Allie Holden for professional develop (\$250) to attend the National ASTA Conference- Motion to accept Trotter and second Harmsen – PASSED

New Business

- The Elizabeth A.H. Green fund of \$6,000 has been completely exhausted. The Executive Board has decided to Nate the first prizes of the Concerto Competition to “The Elizabeth A.H.Green” Grand Prize.
- The John Kendall Scholarship fund, of \$4,500, that was given to MASTA will be available to teachers to apply for a grant for Suzuki Training.
- All State Orchestras will be performing Saturday at 9:15AM and 10:30 AM.
- Suggestion for the Studio Teacher Project Director:
 - ❖ To follow the National Conference and have Master Class Sessions at the MMC Session on Saturday afternoon with students from the All State Orchestra.
- ASTA Cap information – We can have students participate in the ASTA Cap.

Motion to adjourn at 12:06 by J. Van Eizenga and second by Trotter - PASSED

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda D. Williams Trotter

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