

PMTA General Board Meeting

November 3, 2018

Temple University; Mitten Hall; Tuttle Room

Philadelphia, PA

Meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by President, Mary Lynne Bennett

Present; Mary Lynne Bennett, Teri Smith, Steven Smith, Doug Jurs, Amanda Gunderson, Jackie Herbein, Patricia Powell, Deborah Rodgers, Sue Kunz, Chris Guzman, Henry Wong Doe, Elaine Friedlander, Christina Shimp, Donna Beech, Gilya Hodos, and Ed Kuhn.

Absent; Lois Svard , Nanette Solomon

Jackie moved to adopt the agenda, Steven seconded.

Mary Lynne asked if there were any corrections to the minutes and Teri said there was on the last page

Deborah made the motion to approve the corrections to the minutes and was seconded by Ed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT by Mary Lynne

Ed and Mary Lynne went to the MTNA Summit ; notes forthcoming from Mary Lynne. Mary Lynne shared that Emmanuel Ax was inducted into the Classical music Hall of Fame near MTNA headquarters in Ohio. Also, there is a new MTNA website to put your profile on for more visibility. One logs in with a member number.

Mary Lynne asked what preferences people have for dates for the June 2020 conference at PSU.

Ed is looking into Seton Hall for Fall 2020.

Mary Lynne is looking at Seven Springs Resort, as the last one there was so successful, BUT would need to do the LAST weekend of June, as the venue is all booked up in June 2021. There was a concern about vacation plans conflicting for attendees but the general consensus was YES, this would work.

Deborah Rodgers – teacher of the year and distinguished service awards. Deborah is begging people to write a nomination, as there have been very few in the past. There was some question whether Marvin Blickenstaff has ever been nominated. Steven suggested that “Teaching philosophy” be eliminated under the “guidelines for information that nomination letters might contain information as he didn’t feel it to be pertinent, but Deborah said it was helpful when they have had a lot of applicants in the past. The award is meant to be a surprise, and it usually works out well, as the person usually attends the banquet. PMTA covers the cost of the meal for the award winner.

TREASURER'S REPORT; Jackie Herbein

Board members and attendees discussed reimbursement for this meeting. We were asked to take a picture of the hotel receipt , parking ticket, and send in round trip mileage to Jackie. Jackie will include the cost of the parking in the pay for the judges.

Regarding the Susan Miller endowment ; the lawyer handling the case, John Garber, notified Jackie that a settlement was reached and should be finished by the end of November according to the court. Sometime in December the money should be disbursed.

Our investments have done well.

The IUP conference was a success and the estimates are that we are within \$500 of the total cost; which is to be expected.

Jackie advises that 5% is a safe amount to pull out of our investments every year to use. This is around \$6500 and is put into the budget.

This is the last time the chamber music portion of the state level competition will be happening, so this will save us money next year.

Awards and judges pay has not increased in 10 years or more. Please see the "Possible Allocation of Investment Earnings" chart.

Jackie read the email from Lois that communicates that we should have room to raise the commissioned composers prize money, as we lose higher profile composers by only offering \$1500 and we have not raised it in 5-6 years. Lois has an idea where they are in the "composer" world and can judge what fee is appropriate. It may not be necessary every year, but it is good to have some room if necessary.

Much discussion over whether to raise the "possible allocation of investment earnings' from the current column to either the suggested 1 column or the suggested 2 column.

Steven Smith made a motion that we empower Jackie to increase from current to suggested column 2 and Doug Jurs seconded. Mary Lynne said the motion carries to move forward with this.

Jackie asked if she could write checks for the performance awards. She also asked if since this is the last time chamber music is included, could we raise the pay from \$125 for the whole group to \$125 per person, and this was agreed on.

Discussion about the other suggested items at the bottom of the page occurred and Deborah asked about the conference chair and co-chair getting free conference registration and hotel could be discussed and Mary Lynne asked to table this for next time as she would have time to discuss with how national does it.

Another item that Mary Lynne and Patricia Powell will iron out and table for next time is the question of what exactly the collegiate chapter grant should be used for. PMTA conference? MTNA conference? Or a workshop?

A question about whether to extend the membership incentives for recent graduates more than one year was asked and Jackie and Teri both say NO!! This would be a nightmare for the local association book keeping!

The budget was approved as it stands and Jackie will create a new budget now that we have changed it. Jackie will get us the new/revised numbers.

Competitions Chair; Amanda Gunderson

The new junior competitions coordinator is Doug Jurs!!

The schedule for the next day was discussed and all those helping out were thanked. 58 total competitors, no winners recital. National competition will be March 16-19 in Spokane at the MTNA conference.

Dorothy Sutton Chair; Teri Smith

751 students participated in the State. A profit of roughly \$5000 was made. Some conflicting information on whether student performers get paid was discussed. Deborah asked if there were mostly participants from the East, but Teri said they were from all over the state, even York!

Concerto Chair; Steven Smith

11 students participated, even one cello! The newsletter reminder really helped.

Certification Chair; Christina Shimp

2 completed this year

Commissioned Composer and Arts Advocacy and Awareness Chair; Lois Svard (absent) ;

These two reports were presented by Mary Lynne.

Sponsorships Chair; Elaine Friedlander

13 sponsors and \$925 total

Elaine said that they try to make the payments from the beginning of the year but it doesn't always work and that because they pay through the website it works out. Sue asked if we should try to pro-rate fees so that everyone is on the same schedule for payment and if that would be easier but Elaine said it was ok the way it is.

Local Association Grants; Gilya Hodos

Currently there are 4 totalling \$1100 and one more is coming in.

IMT Forum; Sue Kuntz

#1 asked about liability insurance

#2 are there any stats on how successful the MTNA discounts are?

#3 how is MTNA advertising?

MTNA is willing to take suggestions on new discounts as long as they don't conflict with the ones already in place.

Local Associations are encouraged to promote themselves.

Mary Lynne reminded us that we are local sponsors of PMEA. Wendy said that at CPMTA we have a member who does a blog and is in charge of our Facebook group!

College University Faculty; Chris Guzman

Chris said there is no report and hopefully they will have a new faculty member at PSU soon.

COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS; Patricia Powell

Patricia suggested that students do presentations at PMTA conferences. These could be shorter and collegiate chapter advisers should get e blasts. Mary Lynne will follow up. Gilya suggested strategically placing at intermission of concerts to have a captive audience. Mary Lynne will look at it after receiving the plan.

CONFERENCE CHAIR; Henry Wong Doe

Henry emailed the report; the theme is World Music in Bloomsburg. There was discussion about a possible Tri-State Conference- pros and cons-where?-timing and coordination with competitions?

MTNA FOUNDATION; Doug Jurs

There were 751 students participating in the DSPF so Jackie will pay \$1.00 per student.

MEMBERSHIP; Donna Shimp

We have 520 members. There are 15 new student members in Pittsburgh because Mary Lynne required her pedagogy class to become members. Mary Lynne thinks that collegiate members can not enter students in events but Teri and Steven think otherwise; Mary Lynne will check.

NEW BUSINESS; Millie Eben submitted items for clarification regarding Dorothy Sutton;

#1 Please reference “judge instructions’ , paragraph two, sentence #4; Students who have one S piece and one not-so S piece do not have to be rated SUPERIOR, but may if you feel the rating is deserved. It has been understood that if one piece is really SUPERIOR and one is a little under, you can put them through with on SUPERIOR. Teri is proposing to take this sentence out and add “for both pieces”.

#2 Is there a rule that shows how many times a student can repeat a theory level.

Susan said some members found errors on theory tests but Teri said she will fix them. Millie offered to fix them.

Mary Lynne announced that Nanette and Iris Soloman played at the CMS conference in Vancouver this past summer.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM. Ed and Deborah seconded.

SOME ADITTIONAL NOTES

2018 FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT ; Total income \$7140; Total expenses \$7738

PMTA Budget 2018-2019 EXCLUDING DSPF ; Total income \$35,920 ; Total expenses \$35, 920

Treasurer’s Report Total Assets \$182,898.19

Commissioned Composer for 2019 is Stephen Barr, Director of Choirs at Slippery Rock University . Also, PMTA was very well represented at the CMS National Conference in Vancouver this past October. Four members were on the program!

Reminders on conferences and competition weekends;

June 14-16, 2019 Bloomsburg University Conference ; November 24-25, Penn State Competitions and DSPF; June 202 , either first or second weeks of June only, Penn State Conference; decide which weekend; November 2020 Competitions site TBA, looking at potential host sites in Western PA. June 24-27, 2021 if the board approves and dates are still available, Seven Springs conference.

CLARIFICATIONS and CORRECTIONS to Membership Report; from DONNA BEECH

#1 ‘XPAA’ is code for Duquesne University

#2 Fourteen of our Collegiate members have designated a specific university (Duquesne, Penn State, Seton Hill or West Chester universities). Eleven of our Collegiate members hold membership in a local association (Central PA, Greater Pittsburgh, Lancaster, and Main Line locals).

CORRECTION; It is the CENTRAL PA Local that includes student members , not Lehigh Valley Local.