

**Massachusetts Music Teachers Association
Summer Board Meeting**

Date: Friday, June 9 2017

Location: 44 Maple Ave.
Sudbury, MA 01776

Present:

Janet Ainsworth, President

Dorothy Travis, Immediate Past President

Karin Wilks, Secretary

Via Skype: Vera Rubin, Bay State Strings Chair

Nilly Shilo, Vice President for Certification

Heather Riley, Judged Festival Chair

Via Facetime: Caroline Ly, MTNA Competition Chair

Ellyses Kuan, Membership Chair

Maral Annaovezova, member

Alexander Morelli, member

Not Present: Valerie Stark, Alison Barr, Vivian Tsang, Esther Ning Yau,
Michelle Gordon, Leslie Hitelman, Amy Lee

ANNUAL MEETING

Janet called the meeting to order at 10:18 a.m. Welcome and introductions.

Treasurer's Report – Valerie Stark, highlights read by Dorothy

Email from Valerie:

"Checking	40,210.02
Savings	19,910.86
CD	25,811.15
Total	85,932.03

From 4/30/17 bank statement

Please find attached the reports for Judged Festival, MAE, and to date report for the Bay State, which is not final. The Bay State piano and string events are combined on the report. Separately, income and to date expenses are broken down below. Please remember that registration amounts are net, after PayPal subtracts its fees, so will differ from registration count by number of students. NOTE: Please submit all expense reports to me ASAP, so that all transactions can be completed and recorded by June 30, the end of the fiscal year. The finance form can be found on the MMTA.net website, in the same tab as Board Meeting Minutes, at the bottom of the page. Respectfully submitted, Valerie Stark, treasurer.

(To Date, incomplete)

Bay State Strings

Income: 1750.11

Expenses: 800

Net: 950.11

Bay State Piano

Income: 16,191.98

Expenses: 11,087.44

Net: 5104.54"



Judged Festival
2017.pdf



Bay State 2017
incomplete June 7.p



MAE Littleton
(Cambridge) 2017.pc

Discussed: Email from Valerie: *"In the past, due to the extreme amount of work involved in pulling off the Bay State Contest, we have authorized a payment to John Stapp a stipend of \$1000 for his hard work. Last year, I paid half to you, Esther, and half to John. I would like to settle the account. How shall I pay it this year? Not knowing whom to ask, I ask you the organizers directly, and am copying the president on this."* Response from Valerie: *"It should all go to Esther now, she was the official chair this year and did most of the work! John and I only helped for parts of it!"*

Action: approved

Membership Report - Ellyses Kuan: MMTA membership is unchanged at 249 members.

Concerns of Membership -

Discussed: Teacher Tanya Schwartzman's student was upset at Bay State Competition due to interruption by judge before she had performed all prepared music.

Action: Esther to write letter of explanation to student's parents.

Annual Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am

Executive Board Meeting

Agenda Items (in the order addressed):

5. Student Awards (Scholarships) Applications:

Discussed: amounts and number of scholarships to be awarded.

Agreed: Larger dollar amounts should be awarded to students attending international camps. The board should be generous. All applicants should receive something.

Motion: by Dorothy: \$500 to be granted to two students under the Nancy Olivia Fund. \$300 be granted to two students for the Ithaca program, and \$700 to be granted to two students for international camps.

Second: Janet

Vote: unanimous approval, pending okay by treasurer.

1. Bay State Competition Report – tabled due to Esther’s absence.

2. MTNA Competition Report

Caroline reported the dates and registration procedures for the event and Janet stated that the details can be found in the spring newsletter.

Discussed: Caroline stated her concern that two participating teachers had still not remitted fees for the last competition.

Action: Caroline to warn the teachers that their future participation in MMTA events could be affected by nonpayment, and to alert Linda Stump, National Director of Competitions, of the issue.

Discussed: Possible dated for November 2017 event at Brandeis University.

Action: Nilly to request November 4th.

3. Judged Festival Report

Heather reported that she will be reviewing the final with Valerie the final figures for the festival, as there is a small discrepancy.

Discussed: 233 students registered for the festival, which is the most ever. This resulted in a long day with a very cramped schedule.

Action: Heather will determine a limit (“cap”) on the number of allowed student participants for future years.

Action: Heather to confirm the date of 3/3/2018 for the next festival at Gordon College.

4. MAE Chair Report

Email from Amy:

1. *MAE Littleton has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, April 22, 2018.*
2. *I had the pleasure of meeting and inviting Penny Pan Ouellette to judge the MAE, introducing her to program; she's stepped forward to help kickstart a second MAE location! She is organized, professional; comes with immense judging experience from California. She'll be a great addition! Most importantly, are we fiscally sound to create a second location? I will be following up with her this summer.*
3. *MAE income was slightly lower than last year – due to the fact enrollment for 20min sessions increased. (One hour generates \$90, whereas 4-15min sessions generates \$100.) Participation was still entirely maxed out, with five judges each evaluation for 4.5hrs and 30min break.*
4. *There was zero registration from string participation. I hesitate to offer this again because each year, I've tentatively approached a string teacher asking if they could be available, and ultimately I've had to cancel each time. My hunch is that a string teacher who's passionate about evaluations must "step up," have their students participate, and share it amongst their colleagues to gather participation.*

That's it for now - hope you're all doing well and I look forward to touching base soon and reading the meeting minutes!

*All best,
Amy"*

Discussed: As to Amy's question in item #2 above, the board discussed and confirmed that we are fiscally sound to open a second location.

5. (see above)

6. Social Event

Discussed: June 25th event at Vera's.

Action: reminder to members to be sent (by whom?)

Action: Janet to speak with Vera regarding gifts for TOY and Lifetime Achievement Awards recipients.

7. Certification Report

Nilly reported that there has been no change in the number of active certifications but that one applicant is in process; Alexander, who was present at the meeting

8. National Convention Report

Janet read her report which is to be published in the spring MMTA newsletter.

Discussed: Need for a state table at the Gala Dinner at next year's national conference in Orlando.

Action: Janet will research and report back.

9. Social Media Protocol

Ellyses reported that she and Vivian have been researching guidelines pertaining to a Facebook page for MMTA. They found that national does not provide such guidelines, so she did further research at the library. There are five areas that need to be addressed before proceeding having to do with security, access, legal liability and so forth.

Action: A task force was formed to proceed with this project with the goal of drafting a set of guidelines. Volunteers to join Ellyses and Vivian on the subcommittee are: Heather, Dorothy, Janet, Maral, and Alexander.

10. New Business

2017 Calendar:

- Fall Board Meeting, 9/15/17, location TBD
- Winter Teleconference, 2/17/18, technology TBD
- Annual Meeting, 6/8/18, location TBD

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Karin Wilks, Secretary