

**PMTA BOARD MEETING**  
**November 5, 2011**  
**Cameron Estate Inn**  
**7:00 pm**

**Called to order at 7:05 pm by President, Gilya Hodos**

**Adoption of Agenda:** Millie Eben motion, Candy Hutchins-second

**Quorum established:** Yvonne Alling, Millie Eben, Elaine Friedlander, Jacqueline Herbein, Gilya Hodos, Candy Hutchins, Ed Kuhn, Kathleen Panek, Joan Pfeffer, Patricia Powell, Debra Ronning, Theresa Smith, Steven Smith, Louis Svard

**June 2011 Minutes:** Unanimously approved as emailed

**Audit of Treasurer's Books:** General Fund successfully completed. DSPF Account needs to be included in future audits.

**MTNA Competitions:**

President Gilya reported that national competitions were cancelled in all brass, string, woodwind and vocal areas. Concerns were presented by many other states about this being a very big loss. In PA there is an overwhelming number of pianists vs. vocal, string and woodwind. Only 4% of teachers of PA general membership enter students. Statistically 23 % of String members and 31% of woodwind teachers enter students. What concerns do we have as an organization? Discussion included finding options to collaborate to make the fiscal problem not as much of an issue. The following statement was created to represent the Board's position on this area:

**The Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association is an organization that is inclusive  
of ALL music teachers.**

**We firmly believe in the importance of continuing the MTNA competitions in woodwinds, strings, brass, and voice. While the actual number of woodwind and string players entering the competitions in Pennsylvania is fewer than the number pianists, these competitions play a vital and significant statistical role for our woodwind and string members in terms of providing them an important outlet for their students. By closing the door on these competitions, the Pennsylvania Music Teachers Association is concerned that we will be closing the door on our non-pianist partners.**

Unanimous approval of the motion to send this statement to National.

**MTNA "One for All" proposal:** A "Blue Ribbon Commission" is being formed at the national level. Gilya presented topics needed for her to take to an Eastern Division discussion including: MTNA relevance to us, technology such as facebook, twitter, what is the future of MTNA- is more diversity needed?

Responses from the board included: more advertising, public service announcements, assisting local associations in promotion, explore collaboration with other professional organizations, "think" like a business.

**Treasurer's Report:** Various Reports on file. J. Herbein requested the following:

- We need a financial mission statement
- Board's intentions for our profit (income or investment)
- What level of risk are we willing to take as an organization
- An ad hoc committee to aide to guide financial decisions.

A lengthy open discussion regarding priorities of PMTA with regards to excess funds that were estimated at \$3,000 per year ensued. The treasurer presented documentation suggesting possible future expenditures. (finance documents on file)

**The following motions were made in response to the Treasurer's requests regarding allocation of funds:**

S. Smith made a motion to invest 65-75% of the principal at a conservative level, D.Ronning, seconded the motion.

Patricia Powell made a motion, Candy Hutchins seconded the motion to accept an increase in mileage for board members.

Millie Eben made a motion, Candy Hutchins seconded the motion to accept reimbursement of conference registration to board members and conference chairs.

Millie Eben made a motion, Lois Svard seconded the motion to reimburse #3 State Conference Hotel to board members and conference chairs.

Theresa Smith made a motion, Patricia Powell seconded the motion to extend a \$300 stipend to division and state competition winners.

President Gilya appointed a committee (ideally of five: 3 board members, 1 PMTA general member, 1 outside financial specialist). J. Herbein, Y. Alling volunteered for the committee Pending Collegiate Chapter committee organization, a recommendation that a \$500 award would be allocated to one Collegiate chapter to attend a state level conference or event.

**Reports:**

**Membership (Candy Hutchins):** Candy shared motivational and philosophical ideas to increase membership. Report on file.

**DSPF(Theresa Smith):** Total enrollment: 288 Gross Income: \$7,587 Expenses to date: \$2,467.82 Tentative Net Profit: \$5,119.18 Balance DSPF Account: \$13,610.85. Report on file.

**Local Association(Gilya Hodos):** Selected Northern Delaware Valley Chapter to present as a nominee for the MTNA Local Association Award.

**PMTA Matching Grants(Gilya Hodos):** Report on file.

**Conference(Elaine Friedlander):** West Chester University- June 8-10, 2012. Report on file.

**Old Business:**

**Website (Millie Eben):** Board previewed the new site, and stated "It looks great."

**Bylaws update(Millie Eben):** Motion to accept revisions to be presented to the membership for a vote. By laws change will be sent out in the next news letter. Include the actual vote in the registration form for the June conference.

**Adopt Revised policies & procedures:**

- DSPF changed to "students of any ages" and the facilities changed to 2-3 rooms, 1-2 rooms with 2 grands.
- Page 4. Remove Reading Eagle

J. Herbein motioned to accept revisions, Ed Kuhn seconded the motion.

**Adopt Revised Job Description Handbook:** Motion to accept changes: Elaine Friedlander motion, Stephen Smith second.

**New Business:**

**Constant Contact Newsletter (Millie Eben):** Allows PMTA to analyze who opens the email.

**Teacher of the Year Award and Distinguished Teacher Award(Nanette Soloman):** no report  
**MTNA Collegiate Chapter Awards from MTNA (Patricia Powell):** Referred this to T. Shafer

**Proposal for Collegiate Chapter Award (Gilya Hodos):** Tim Shafer and Patricia Powell appointed to a committee for establishing an annual award of \$500.

**Student Participation at the Conference suggestions (Patricia Powell):**

- Collaborate with a theatre faculty member and have students do a mock show
- Interactive duets between colleges
- Poster session competition with awards
- Collegiate composer competition

**Indiana Chapter Status(Gilya Hodos):** status changed to inactive. Gilya will pursue IUP contacts.

**Miscellaneous reports and announcements:**

**The next board meeting will be:** Sunday, June 13, 2012 at 7:30 am at West Chester University

**Motion to adjourn:** Millie Eben motion, Steven Smith seconded.