

## PMTA Board Meeting

Saturday, November 23, 2019, Penn State University; Nittany Lion Inn

- I. The meeting was called to order by President Ed Kuhn at 7:02 PM.
- II. corrections were made to the minutes from June 2019;
  - f) Concerto Festival Report; this is Steven Smith Chair, not Michelle Millington. Michelle is the KEYSTONE Competitions Chair.
  - 0) Arts and Advocacy Report; Lois shared that Ben Folds “interviewed” a presidential candidate who supports the arts.Ed made a motion to approve the corrections to the minutes ; Steven first and Mary Lynne seconded. All approved.

### III. OFFICER’S REPORTS

#### a) President’s Report; Ed Kuhn

Ed introduced Rosemary and Evan Engelstad. They will be taking over the Competitions Chair position from Amanda Gunderson.

Ed enjoyed attending the Leadership Summit and meeting the other state presidents.

They were grouped by size of their membership and that was interesting.

He also shared ideas that Nanette had on how to run conferences. Some of these were to offer child care, have video clinicians and panel discussions.

Ed thanked Teri Smith for her devoted ten years of running the Dorothy Sutton Festival.

Jonathan Flowers will be taking this over. The next DSPF will be held at Seton Hill University the first weekend of November.

The 2021 PMTA events will be at Kutztown.

Ed also recognized the first Professional Development Session for teachers today which were two presentations called “The RCM Certificate Program; Everything You Ever Wanted to Know and More” , presented by Wendy Bachman and Mary Lynne Bennett. They also had a table and were available for several hours between presentations to answer questions.

#### b) Treasurer’s Report; Jacqueline Herbein

We are in good shape. We have \$160,000 in the TD Ameritrade Account Jackie has an advisor and she is looking at tweaking it. It has grown \$50,000 since it’s inception.

Referring to the second page of the treasurer’s report, expenses for the 2018-2019 budget were \$38, 043 and that is including the \$1000 deposit for the Seven Springs Resort for the 2021 Conference. The third page of the report refers to the 2019 Conference; we did well; broke even. Referring to the fourth page; the proposed budget for 2019-2020 these categories are being reassessed.

Ed and Jackie looked at the Susan Miller Trust (ten years ago- still working on it).

A MOTION was made by Jackie; With the current change in PMTA officers and chairs, I move that the board authorize the following to be signers on ALL Citizen’s Bank accounts- 2 checking and 1 money market; Jaqueline Herbein, Mary Lynne Bennett,

Edward M. Kuhn, Jr., Amanda Gunderson, Jonathan Flowers. Any other signers currently on the accounts are to be removed. Steven Smith seconded. Motion passed.

As allowed in our By-Laws, Jackie made an email motion to the executive committee to adopt the resolutions put forth by the Wilmington Trust Certificate of Authority related to the Susan D Miller Trust. The email responses received were all positive and the motion is recorded as passed on October 22, 2019.

Jackie updated us that Felicia Lohidajat has been working with Jackie to prepare as a conference registrar. She is currently a student member of the Mainline Association. There was some discussion to revise Felicia's job description to have it include reimbursement of hotel and mileage, as well as prepare envelopes, do several hours of work before the first day and cover the first two hours of the registration desk the opening day of the state conference.

Jackie made a motion to revise the above information in the policy and procedures handbook and Elaine seconded. Sue Kuntz was opposed but it was still approved.

c) MEMBERSHIP REPORT; Donna Beach

Our numbers are down; 499 in the State

Temple's membership numbers are up! They are the 15<sup>th</sup> highest in the country.

Mainline and Lehigh have increased.

MTNA numbers overall are down a bit.

Mary Lynne suggested to encourage people to try a trial membership.

Jackie added that the bonus to join as a first year member is to go to the PMTA conference for FREE!!!

It's frustrating when people wait until Sept-Oct. to pay dues. Steven Smith suggested a late fee penalty.

d) CONFERENCE CHAIR; Henry Wong Doe

Thanks to Felicia for the 2020 state conference theme of "Keeping Time, Time, timelessness, timeliness in music",

Henry Cramer, Pianist, and an Avery Fisher Grant Winner from 2018 will be our concert artist.

Helen Marlais, will be the Guest Clinician. Her publishing company, FJH, will pay her airfare but stipulated that we would need to have her publications available for purchase on site. There will also be free books for people who attend her presentations.

Helen's husband, who is a famous clarinetist, will be our keynote speaker.

Steven Smith helped get the Penn Stater rooms and luncheon arrangements.

The board meeting will be at the Nittany Lion Inn and the performances and classes will be at the PSU School of Music.

There was some discussion about getting a bus to transport conference goers from PSU to the Penn Stater for the Membership Luncheon and back. Conference Chair, Henry Wong Doe thought one bus would be enough.

The 2021 PMTA conference will be June 25-27 at the Seven Springs Resort. The agreement has been signed. We need to decide on a theme, artist and clinicians.

The 2022 PMTA conference will be with DELAWARE!! Possibly at West Chester University. New Jersey doesn't want to do a conference in June.

- e) DOROTHY SUTTON PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL; Teri Smith  
784 students participated in the State , 200 performed today!  
Not all pianists- yey!  
There are 6 Concerto Festival entrants for tomorrow.  
We made a little money this year.  
A few violinists showed up without accompanists. We need to add a new rule that states that they must have an accompanist and not solo or taped music.
- f) CONCERTO FESTIVAL; Steven Smith  
We have four high school and two college entrants. Their rankings were three excellent and three superior.
- g) LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS REPORT; Dee Ann Symington  
Six groups asked for funding . Dee Ann will communicate on the events in the Spring. It's hard to keep track of who to be in touch with because officer's change at different times in the year. Dee Ann shared information from her report/form.
- h) FOUNDATION FUND REPORT; Doug Jurs  
\$10 was added , so \$10, 330  
Lois Svard is our Foundation Fellow. \$250 from the June conference is going to make her a fellow. \$784 from the DSPF. There will be a gala to honor Foundation Fellows at the MTNA conference in Chicago, March 2020. All of the members from PA will sit together.
- i) COMPETITIONS REPORT; Amanda Gunderson  
The competition grew!! We now need five rooms. Thanks to Jackie for being co-chair and Amanda is appreciative that Evan and Rosemary Engelstad will be taking over as chairs next year. Also thanks for Doug Jurs! Evan and Rosemary will be shadowing tomorrow to learn the ropes!  
Division Competitions are online for the second year.  
National Competitions; March 21-25, Chicago, IL.  
2020 State Competitions; Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA.
- j) SPONSORSHIP REPORT; Elaine Friedlander  
Everything is up to date; IUP is going to go for sponsorship.  
We lost Alfred University, can't communicate.

Temple is signed up.  
We need more personal connections.  
We have \$1000 now.

- k) CERTIFICATION REPORT; Christina Shimp  
Nothing new since June.  
We need to recruit college students.  
Elaine reminded us to reach out to local association presidents to promote this.  
There was some discussion on what is required for certification and we had a discussion on the benefits of being certified.
- l) COLLEGIATE CHAPTERS REPORT; Mary Lynne Bennett  
The grant information is on the website on the Collegiate Chapters page.  
Travel grant information for the Spring and Program Grant information for speakers is also there.
- m) COLLEGE FACULTY REPORT: Chris Guzman  
  
Carnegie Mellon hired Frederic Chu  
  
Joseph Hallman is writing a piece for 2 Flutes and Piano.
- n) COMMISSIONED COMPOSER REPORT; Lois Svard (absent)  
No report but some information from members was that there will be no commissioned composer at the Seven Springs Conference and that the portal for the MTNA Commissioned Composer is having difficulties.
- o) ARTS AND ADVOCACY REPORT: Lois Svard (absent)  
No report.
- p) IMTF REPORT; Sue Kuntz  
We tried using ZOOM to meet and it worked well!

## The topic was “Strategies for Teaching Very Young Students”

30 minutes is the best length for these types of presentations.

It was suggested that asking board members if they want to host a ZOOM presentation.

- IV. Old Business; none
- V. New Business; none
- VI. Adjournment ; It was moved by Susan and seconded by Henry and all approved to adjourn at 8:58 PM.