

PMTA Board Meeting

June 26, 2022

Seven Springs Resort

Board members present:

Ed Kuhn, Amanda Gunderson, Wendy Bachman, Mary Lynne Bennett, Justin Badgerow, Eun-Joo Kwak, Holly Roadfeldt, Nanette Solomon, ~~Donna Beech~~, Jonathan Flowers, Evan Engelstad, ~~Sun-Min Kim~~, Dee Ann Symington, Susan Kuntz, Ian Duh, Miriam Shingle, [via Zoom: Melody Quah and Chris Guzman]

Meeting called to order at 12:17 p.m. by Amanda Gunderson

Approval of the Minutes from November 13, 2021

Changes needed: **none**.

Motion to approve by Susan Kuntz, seconded by Ed Kuhn. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

- A. President Report – New initiatives at MTNA mentioned the night prior. Thanks again to our treasurer, local association chair, membership chair, conference chairs, and past president assistance. Recognition of our service award winner, Jonathan. Consider nominating a teacher of the year! Ian Duh will step in as Foundation Fund chair. We have no certification chair yet – please consider nominating someone in your local organization! In addition, consider getting certified.
- B. Treasurer Report –
 1. Balance sheet: we do have a dip in our account amount, but this is because we have diversified our assets into annuities (\$40k in total). Investments took a hit last quarter. Total assets down a bit from last year (-\$30k).
 2. Budget: Income just a bit lower than projection (-\$2k). Board expense projection was low for this year. All costs rising due to inflation. Keystone Competition was a bit more expensive than projected. Conference expenses a bit more than projected. Overall 2021-2022 budget a bit over. Proposed 2022-2023 budget projected at \$40,800, right at our income projection. Motion to approve this proposed budget offered by Nanette Solomon, seconded by Jonathan Flowers. Motion passes.
 3. Motion to provide \$1150 to the Foundation Fund brought by Jonathan Flowers, seconded by Susan Kuntz. Motion passes.

4. Mileage reimbursement – used to be a flat fee. Proposal to change mileage reimbursement structure to the current official IRS business mileage rate. Motion offered by Dee Ann Symington, seconded by Jonathan Flowers. Motion passes.
- C. Local Association Report – There was a meeting on Friday and 14 people attended. Heard from 11 chapters on activities. Highlights on chapter reports was presented. Three local association had received funding and put on successful events. Other innovative ideas were mentioned. We need to consider a Dorothy Sutton location...discussion ensued. Consideration of one central location or possibility to consider different regional locations.
- D. Membership – We are at 495 members, 13th largest in the country. Other details by chapter and are of expertise were shared. National membership slightly down. How should we reimburse for the local association dues for a new graduate when they are in several local associations? Motion to reimburse the member for the chapter with the highest membership fee. Motion by Wendy Bachman, seconded by Jonathan Flowers. Motion passes.
- E. Conference Chair Report – Goals – eliminate the separation between the types of teacher, blind proposal process, diversify the guest artist recital. Highlighted the personal connections to the guest artists that were invited. Feedback was received: attendees enjoyed that it wasn't just a solo piano recital, enjoyed a "collaborative" masterclass. Presentation by members were top notch. Improvements to work on: Technology on call would be ideal. Masterclasses – need more interest for student involvement. Possibly local associations could "sponsor" students to travel to the conference for a masterclass. Wendy will stay on as conference co-chair. Chris Guzman will chair the conference for Penn State – still open for themes for the next conference.
- F. Dorothy Sutton – First time at Kutztown. Consider additional workshops/activities for students/teachers. DSPF, as a festival, is limited to *students that reside in PA*. **ACTION ITEM: Who will handle scheduling the teacher enrichment aspect? Exec Board + Jonathan F will nominate a group to spearhead this for fall 2022,**
- G. Concerto – Two entrants took part in November.
- H. Collaborative Music – Keystone took place in March.
- I. Foundation – Ian Dun is taking over from Doug Jurs.
- J. Competitions – November 13th at Kutztown. Volunteers are needed.
- K. Sponsorship – We are working with a fixed term rather than rolling: Sep. through Aug. Now ten institutions are included. 25 schools still to be contacted.
- L. Certification – no report at this time.
- M. Collegiate Chapters – Travel grant applications, encourage the national conference. *Elizabethtown College advisor is not Deb Ronning, but can be listed as Justin Badgerow.*
- N. College Faculty – A survey was sent to college faculty in April. 21 responded. Programming suggestions shared. Resources suggestions shared. Perhaps implement an online source of collegiate faculty topics for guest lectures for local associations. College faculty forum could be started.

- O. Commissioned Composer – Ms. Williams was selected as the commissioned composer.
- P. Arts Advocacy – Looking into petitions to entities that support the arts in our area. Consider joining the PMEA coalition, looking into the PAELC to advocate. Looking into how high school students could potentially earn credit for music through independent teachers. Exists only in Washington State as of now. Susan will interview the contact in Washington.
- Q. Independent Teachers Forum – no report

Old Business

none

New Business

Allocation of funds from the Susan D. Miller Trust. Proposed use of funds up to \$4900/year:

- **Cover DSPF state showcase recital fee** – Mary Lynne Bennett made a motion to fund this through the Susan D. Miller Trust, eliminating the \$13 fee to students. Susan Kuntz seconded. The motion passed.
- Reimburse certification fees for NCTM
- Increase prizes for state winners of MTNA state competitions
- **Establish a state award for the new Ebony Prize** - best piano performance of a piece by a black composer (\$600 total prize money): Junior Piano (\$150), Senior Piano (\$200), Young Artist Piano (\$250)
Nanette Solomon made a motion to establish **The Ebony Prize** now at the cost of \$600 for a *keyboard division only*. Evan Engelstad seconded. The motion passes. *There is interest to add this type of competition to other instruments in the future.*
- Establish a Young Professionals Grant for PA

Bolded items passed and will be budgeted. The remaining [non-bolded] items will be discussed and budgeted at another time.

Adjourned at 2: 17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Badgerow, Secretary