

PMTA Board Meeting
November 13, 2021
J. Corks Restaurant, Greensburg, PA

Board members present:

Ed Kuhn, Amanda Gunderson, Wendy Bachman, Mary Lynne Bennett, Justin Badgerow, Melody Quah, Henry Wong Doe, Douglas Jurs, Chris Guzman, Eun-Joo Kwak, Steven Smith, Holly Roadfeldt, Nanette Solomon, Donna Beech, Jonathan Flowers, Evan Engelstad, Sun Min Kim

Meeting called to order at 7:29 p.m. by Amanda Gunderson

Approval of the Minutes from June 13, 2021

Changes needed: Annual fee should be listed as \$25, not \$20. Name misspellings including: Solomon, Bennett, "Pittsburgh"

Doug Jurs motion to approve, Steven Smith seconded. Motion passes.

Officer Reports

- A. President Report – Thanks to board members. Attended Leadership Summit. New Chair Diversity Equity and Inclusion – Nyaho. MTNA plans to increase inclusivity. Vacancies: Donna Beech stepping down as membership chair (January) and Christina Shimp leaving State Certification. New members announcements: Justin Badgerow, Secretary; Melody Quah, College Faculty Form; Jonathan Flowers, Dorothy Sutton; Evan Englestad, Competitions; Chris Guzman, Commissioned Composer; Sun Min, Senior Competitions; Henry Wong Doe, Collegiate Chapter; Eun-Joo Kwak, Publicity; Holly Roadfeldt, Conference
- B. Treasurer Report – Presentation of the Budget. \$150 for income from events to come soon; other amounts will be filling out soon as they occur. In terms of our investments – pursuing Annuities rather than CDs. We would pursue two one for 15k for a 3 yr. term and the other 25k for a 5 yr. term. Steven Smith motion to approve the opening of the annuities, and Nanette Solomon seconded. Motion approved. Proposal for a raise for Joy Carroll, online communications editor (OCE). \$40 currently, motion to raise to \$50 by Steven Smith. Second by Wendy B. Motion. Motion approved. Dorothy Sutton proceeds will go to MTNA Foundation, earmarked for "Travel Fund". Hotel receipts and mileage can be submitted for reimbursement with receipts to Mary Lynne.
- C. Local Association Report – Three groups requested funds from matching grant. Greater Pittsburgh (composer), Main Line (Chris Guzman masterclass), Reading

(Pianos and Pizza). Reminder to keep LA president names updated with the chair of LA.

- D. Membership – Donna absent, so Amanda summarized. There is some membership numbers improvement at the Collegiate Chapter level. Total membership is down, but our state ranking is up at 13th largest in the country.
- E. Conference Chair Report – There are some new ideas with many varied topic ideas suggested for proposals. Guest artist is saxophonist Tim McCallister – very high level musician and communicator. Collaborative pianist Liz Ames comes also very highly recommended; she will be offering a collaborative masterclass for pianists. Student collaborative pianists (teams) can be recommended by teachers directly through the conference chair. Jessica Johnson is the keynote speaker and will offer a solo piano masterclass; again, students can be recommended directly to the conference chair. Proposals are assessed through a blind review. We will advertise within PMEA to appeal to the saxophonist population. Discussion ensued about 2023 and future conference locations, (Penn State?) and the possibility of multi-state conference. It may be possible to partner with Delaware MTA, requiring an eastern PA conference site location.
- F. Dorothy Sutton – Happy to report a return to in-person performance. Smaller turnout (80-90 performers) this year. Thank you to Steven and Terri. Ed Kuhn served as site host. A drum circle was included. Wendy provided a helpful RCM program presentation. Next year who will host? A co-chair is requested as next year could be larger. Also, the co-chair could potentially to take over in two years.
- G. Concerto – Two entrants took part this year.
- H. Collaborative Music – Keystone will take place first weekend in March.
- I. Foundation – Discussion on how to raise funds; Wendy Bachman will assist.
- J. Competitions – Numbers are down this year, with 36 students participating. Performing Arts Center at 100 Harrison Ave.
- K. Sponsorship – We are working with a fixed term rather than rolling: Sep. through Aug. Seven Universities are included. These numbers are down a bit. 45 schools were contacted. Justin Badgerow will continue assisting with Advertising for the Conference.
- L. Certification – One newly certified member. Looking for a chair here.
- M. Collegiate Chapters – Igor R. is the new West Chester Univ. chapter advisor. IUP chapter to start under Henry Wong Do. Deadline Feb. 15 for the \$500 Travel Grant. Three students are the minimum for a chapter. Discussion about the potential for a “Virtual” chapter – for chapters that can’t meet the minimum requirement.
- N. College Faculty – A survey is planned to be sent to college faculty members about how PMTA could be better serving the needs of the collegiate teacher. There are five suggested questions. One suggestion was made – be sure to

mention the Local Associations in the questions and ask about the college faculty connection with them. Also recommended was a check box for lists for events, and for the lists of local associations. The format of the questionnaire will be a google form.

- O. Commissioned Composer – The 2020 winner had their work performed virtually in 2021. For 2021, no composer was selected. Request: the composer needs to be decided by March. The chair suggests that a committee should form to help choose the winner; Email the chair if interested in serving on this committee.
- P. Arts Advocacy – Nanette Solomon made a motion for a \$75 donation for Citizens for the Arts in Pennsylvania, seconded by Jonathan Flowers. Motion passed.
- Q. Independent Teachers Forum - absent

Old Business

Jonathan Flowers – Technology task force recommendation. Solicit interest in persons who could contribute resources and assistance. Potentially, collegiate leaders could lead this?

New Business

none

Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Justin Badgerow, Secretary