

Meeting called to order at 12:32 June 13, 2021 by President Ed Kuhn Jr.

Corrections to the minutes ;spelled his last name wrong; Bradly Sowash ; NAFME Susan Kuntz is not a member ; Lois is and said she could use

Present is President Ed M Kuhn Jr. ; Wendy Bachman, Jonathan Flowers, Felicia Lohidajat, Nanette Solomon; Jacqueline Herbein, Amanda Gunderson, Melody S Quah, Susan Kuntz, Eun-Joo Kwak, Evan Engelstad, Mary Lynne Bennett, Henry Wong Doe , Doug Jurs, Christina Shimp, Christopher Guzman, Donna Beech , Steven Smith, Dee Ann Symington

Motion to approve the minutes was Jonathan , seconded by Jackie; minutes are approved.

Re-type the Presidents Report; Henry Wong Doe (expertise on conference) and Jackie Herbein (Director elect of Eastern Division) are stepping down. She has really helped a lot over the years. Ed is stepping down to be Immediate past President.

2. Treasurer’s Report; We have not done as much this virtual year. TD Ameritrade even went up. \$206, 433.52. Conference brought in \$1800 in donations. \$20,000 came in from Donna Beech for membership dues.

\$750 taken out for commissioned composer piece instead of conference.

Jackie wanted to give Ian and Susie a bonus for their good work in the conference and also use the donation funds that would use to “produce” the conference. Jackie makes the motion to increase to \$1000 for Ian and stipend to \$300 for Susie; second by Steven ; everyone in favor !

Jackie housekeeping motions to transfer to Mary Lynne for treasurer; transfer ownership of TD Ameritrade to Mary Lynne Bennet; motion by Jackie; seconded by Amanda; all in favor ; motion carried.

Jackie transfer the main contact of the Citizen’s bank account to Mary Lynne Bennet; seconded by Steven and all in favor ; motion carried.

Recommend with the extra money we have in the bank account to take \$40,000 to make laddered CD’s to make more money than in our money market account. Make them at 1 year intervals and keep \$20,000 in our checking account to cover anything needed. Make the CD’s \$5000 or \$10,000.

Motion that MLB have the authority to create a series of laddered CD’s . Motion made by Jackie and Doug Jurs seconded. All in favor; motion carried.

Mary Lynne Bennett will be to be able to make laddered CD’s . They are at 6 month intervals so you always have money coming in.

Collegiate pianists can defer travel costs for conferences with our new Jacqueline Herbein Endowment Fund that Jackie started. To consider putting extra money into this that is not earmarked for other Funds. This is special to Jackie!!

3. Dee Ann Symington Local Associations Forum; Wendy see notes from Dee Ann

There was interest in getting commissioned composers works played by members. Felicia has been connecting with composers on line and playing their music.

4. Donna Beech; membership PMTA 517 members ; last year it was 530; April to June of this year, a 15 month spread; over the 6 years the membership has declined but the national membership has dropped 2000. We are 5.6% decrease in PA but we are not the only one. 5 States had smaller % decrease and three states that increased. Collegiate membership at 25 for Dusquene and 8 at PSU, West Chester is at 5, Temple is 0 . Greater Pittsburgh up to 60 for general members and North East Local went up. Three chapters maintained and the rest went down.

Donna is willing to stay on until December but is going to be involved in the Delaware Chapter after this.

5. Conference Chair report; Henry Wong Doe; In April we switched to virtual conference format and keep the presenters on. Chris Walmark, Ian Duh, Susie Yoo, Felicia Lohidjat helped a lot. 82 people registered . We didn't see as many people in the sessions but glad they registered.

Seven Springs June 24-26, 2022 next conference!! Open for suggestions for the theme and presenters. Everyone is suggesting different instruments involved.

6. Sponsorship Report with Eun-Joo (Mansfield) ; membership term was usually a rolling membership that made book keeping difficult; changing it to be a deadline September through August. Annual fee is \$20, calendar events are \$25, Wendy read report

7. Felicia Lohidajat; conference registrars report ; 84 people had access to conference ; donations between \$1800 to \$1900. Susan Kuntz said a lot of other family members enjoyed the conferences.

8. Jonathan Flowers Dorothy Sutton report; virtual for the first time; 300-350 in state showcase which is on par. Holding showcase at Setton Hill University Nov. 13 and 14 in person. Hearing from local chairs to extend the deadline to find out who is the local chairs. Option to do in person or virtually but the STATE SHOWCASE will be in person. Trying to include adults and non- pianists. Good feedback from teachers from teachers; practice theory test for each level would be helpful to release in the early Fall. Looking forward to returning live this year!!

9. Concerto Festival ; Steven Smith; going to try for in person

10. Collaborative Music ; Nanette Soloman; nothing to report; Keystone Festive did not happen this year.

11. Foundation Fund; Doug Jurs; not much to report; no raffle; asking about taking a % from the conference to donate to the MTNA Foundation Fund, as we spoke about ; Jackie thinks it's around \$200; 2019 we made \$240 on the raffle and donated it to MTNA Foundation Fund but nothing in 2020 since we had no conference. Ed motions that we donate \$250 to the Fund for Jackie's Endowment from this conference proceeds. Mary Lynne seconded ; everyone in favor; motion carried.

12. Evan Engelstad; MTNA we had voice and brass represent PA ; and a composition person also won; Sat. Dorothy Sutton and Sunday is competitions. Jackie says anyone who can have the in person competitions is trying to do it. Linda Stump said July 6 will be the final decision. Nanette Solomon says MTNA is not sure yet. MTNA is hoping to be in person.

Looking for Composition Competition chair person; maybe Jennifer Campbell

13. Certification; Christina Shimp; 2 people apply; Millersville; one completed. One more from Pittsburg.

14. Collegiate Chapters; Mary Lynne Bennett; Collegiate Chapter Grants ; 2 ; one for travel and the other for programming but no one applied for these grants. Deadlines are on website; Grants are available for inviting speakers and also for MTNA conference or PMTA conference.

15. College Faculty; Melody S Quah; Reached out to college faculty to see if they would become MTNA members by the end of May. Tried to make it personal and keep the outreach going. Reach out to composers to join so that their students can be in the Compositions Competition.

College Faculty Forum yesterday; had mostly board members and one new person. Hopes the conference committee will consider PSU to host in 2023 :) it might be a dual state with Delaware

16. Commissioned Composer; Chris Guzman; don't have one for Seven Springs ; looking for suggestions email Chris

17. Arts Advocacy Report; Susan Kuntz; reached out to National last year in November with Gary Engle; Christina Xie There is a business resource page on the MTNA website that has an Arts Advocacy section and Susan is going to order brochures for our studio. Gary told Christina what MTNA is doing on the national level but it is unclear what the state should be doing. We need to have action on the local level to make a difference. PMEA thinks it is an important topic and Susan will be sending this out with a LINK. They have in their policy play book they have a mission statement. Lois is sending different correspondence from surveys she is getting on Covid Impact Survey.

18. Independent Music Teachers Forum; Felicia Lohidajat; chair ; accepted the position in March; 13 teachers ; we discussed topics of positives during on line teaching; lessons we learned ; policies we want to keep; cautions that we will take in our health to not avoid burn out; teachers mental health;

Old Business; none

New Business; Jonathan Flowers; noticed doing Sutton Festivals we can help people with tech issues; contact information for people who need assistance; perhaps reach out to Ian Duh and Felicia was interested; Amanda appreciates that. Jonathan wants information to be posted on every local website so locals can reach out for help to this task force.

Henry Wong Doe; thanks to Wendy Bachman for “hosting’ the conference from her basement!!

Amanda thanks Ed!!

Motion made by Ed to adjourn; Doug Jurs seconded; all in favor and motion carried ; Meeting adjourned at 2:22 PM.