

MINUTES OF THE JUNE, 28, 2013 SPAMTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
at Emmy J's Coffee Shop, Stevens Point

Members Present: Gail Heywood, President; Jenny Burton, Vice-President; Heather Wagner, Secretary and Judy Meyer, Treasurer.

Minutes of Business Meeting

I. Call to Order/Welcome. 12:37 pm by President Gail Heywood

II. Adoption of Agenda. The agenda was approved unanimously by consent.

IV. Officer Reports

A. Treasurer's Report. Judy Meyer

1. Gail Heywood presented a letter of receipt from the MTNA Foundation for \$750 for the Vandall Residency. We cannot apply for this grant for the next three years but we can apply for a \$100 grant from MTNA instead.
2. Judy Meyer will meet with out-going Treasurer Mary Thomas in August to transfer the SPAMTA account to a new bank.

B. President's Report. Gail Heywood

1. MTNA Code of Ethics Review

On May 1, 2013 MTNA, along with some other national music teachers associations, was informed by the Federal Trade Commission of an investigation into alleged anti-competitive agreements among our members and affiliates. The focus of the FTC's investigation is on a particular provision within the Code of Ethics related to student recruitment--

"The teacher shall respect the integrity of other teachers' studios and shall not actively recruit students from another studio."

MTNA has met with FTC attorneys to explain that MTNA's Code of Ethics is voluntary and that MTNA has never enforced the recruitment provision found in the Code of Ethics. Since that time, MTNA has worked with their legal counsel to revise the Code of Ethics and is asking the state affiliates to ensure that their bylaws and constitutions also reflect the change in wording with regards to the Code of Ethics. As of June 17th, the FTC continues to pursue an investigation, now requesting a large amount of documents from MTNA as it also pertains to antitrust laws.

MTNA also held a free conference call on June 9th to discuss issues faced by rural and isolated teachers. It was very well attended and open to members & non-members. It was facilitated by MTNA Board of Directors Scott Beard and Martha Thomas.

2. Report from June 7, 2013 Meeting of WMTA Administrative Council Meeting

- a. **WMTA's treasury** stands at \$192,263.91 and will undergo an audit with Wegner & Associates.

- b. Our state membership currently stands at 481 members; Wisconsin is the 22nd largest state chapter.
- c. **The state conference** will be held on Nov. 8-9, 2013 in Appleton. Workshops will be held on ‘Collaborative Performance’, ‘Mapping Music for Memorization’, ‘Yoga for Musicians’ and ‘Collaborate or Compete: Sports & Music for the Young Artist’. Barry Green is the featured clinician and the district chairs will have a Thursday evening training session on the WMTA Auditions online system beginning at 5 p.m. (it will be a 3 hour session—chairs are strongly encouraged to attend this training session).
- d. **District Auditions**. Future judges training workshop will be scheduled sometime this year.
- e. **Badger Collegiate Competition** took place on May 18th @ UW-Stevens Point: winner was Julian Delfino, student of Anthony Padilla at Lawrence.
- f. **Badger Non-keyboard** took place on May 11 @ UW-Stevens Point—48 students participated.
- g. **Badger Keyboard** was held at UW-Oshkosh with 203 participants. There is a possibility that for future Badger Competitions, schedules and information will be posted online (eliminating the need for emails). It was also discussed that for future Badger Competitions, after judges are secured for your area district auditions, please make a note that the names of the judges should be sent to Kayme Henkel, Badger chair. This would eliminate the chance of students who participate in the Badger Competition having the same judge as they did for district. There was also discussion with regard to the possibility of the Badger winners performing in a recital at the state conference (just in the preliminary stages at this point). There was also positive input in regard to students that "win" two years in a row at Badger, need to move up a grade level the following year (assuming they are indeed at Badger again that year) to participate with an older group of kids - to somewhat level the playing field so to speak.
- h. **Local Association news**—major issue amongst all the locals in the state pertains to membership recruitment and retention. It was also discussed by the state chair to require all members of WMTA to be members of the local association. This matter, however, would require a revision in our state bylaws and more importantly, how to handle those members who are not geographically close to any local association (i.e., Madison does not have a WMTA affiliated local association—the nearest local would probably be Rock River). This agenda item was tabled by the board.

3. Correspondence

- a. June—thank you notes to Aber Suzuki, WMTA and the Vivace Collegiate Chapter for their donations to the Robert Vandall residency.

- b. June—processed the final report to MTNA Foundation Fund on our Vandall program and included a CD with photos.
- c. June—submitted an invoice to Aber Suzuki in order to receive the \$100.00 participation fee. They additionally requested a W-9 form, which SPAMTA has not ever submitted before to donors.
- d. June—Contacted Joyce Grill and David Yerke as possible presenters for September/October. David Yerke has agreed to do a recital for us on October 9th.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Robert Vandall Program**—Gail Heywood reported that she received very favorable feedback from parents, teachers and students who attended the June 1st program. Comments from fellow members felt the workshop was one of the best sessions ever sponsored by SPAMTA. Thank you to all who helped makes this possible.

Final Project Budget for Robert Vandall Residency:

Includes \$1,000 honorarium, airfare, lodging, meals, publicity	\$1700.00
MTNA Foundation Grant	-\$750.00
WMTA Local Association Grant	-\$100.00
Aber Suzuki Center Donation	-\$100.00
MTNA Vivace Student Chapter Donation	-\$100.00
Mary Stevens Donation	-\$100.00
Used Music Rummage Sale	-\$150.00
Projected balance to come from SPAMTA Treasury	\$400.00

- B. Fall Festival Discussion.** After some discussion, it was decided to keep the Fall Festival for next year and to raise the entry fee to \$20 from (\$12.50). This will help us defray rising costs. We also recommend having a potluck for the workers and the judges.
- C. Winter Recital Discussion.** Since our winter recital was cancelled this past year, we decided to replace this event with a spring recital that features WMTA Badger students who were given placements and WSMA I or I* students.
- D. Master class Discussion.** Although this year’s master class was a success, we decided to do this event every other year to keep the calendar less congested in the springtime. We brainstormed about finding a composer from the Hal Leonard list for 2015.
- E. Badger Auditions.** We recommend contracting the food service at UW-SP for the lunch for the judges and the workers at next year’s Badger auditions. This would enable UW-SP to bill WMTA directly and would make the logistics easier on the SPAMTA members.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reimbursement Request—Mitchell Piano Works has asked if SPAMTA could reimburse the cost to ship the Robert Vandall materials back to Alfred Publishing Company (\$50.00).

F. Program Planning for 2013-2014

Wednesday, September 11 or Friday, September 13 at 10:00 am at Mitchell Piano Works. Jenny Burton will ask Steve Bjella if he would do a presentation about how to break down a difficult passage. We agreed to have a lunch to honor Annette Rasmussen after this meeting. Gail will ask Mary Ellen Mitchell to give a tribute to Annette to thank her for her long term of service to SPAMTA.

Wednesday, October 9 at 10:00 am: David Yerke Solo Piano Recital. Location TBA. Jenny Burton or Judy Meyer will explore availability of 221 at the Noel Fine Arts Center.

October 18-19: WMTA Virtuoso Competition (grades 11/12) at UW-LaCrosse

November 8-9: WMTA State Conference, Appleton

November 23: SPAMTA Fall Festival (deadline November 1)

Wednesday, January 15, 2014: Ann Marie Novak will present “How to Use the Computer Registration Process for WMTA Badger Auditions.” 10:00 am at Mitchell Piano Works

Saturday, March 15: WMTA Auditions (February 1 or 8 deadline)

March 22-26: MTNA Conference in Chicago

April 6: SPAMTA Student Honors Recital (featuring Badger qualifiers and WSMA I and I* students). Details TBA

April 9: SPAMTA Officer Nominations due

May 10: Badger Instrumental/Vocal Auditions at UW-SP

Wednesday, May 14: SPAMTA Elections and Spring Lunch. Details TBA

Saturday, May 17: Badger Keyboard Competition at UW-SP

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenny Burton, Co-Secretary