**West Virginia Music Teachers Association**

**Administrative Board Meeting**

*Thursday, October 27, 2016*

*5:00 PM*

*Blue Moon Café, Shepherdstown, WV*

**In Attendance**: Vicki Cavendish, Ian Jessee, Gary Mullenax, Sheila Womack, Jacob Womack, Johan Botes, Henning Vauth, John Morrison

1. **Call to order**

The meeting is called to order at 5:25 PM.

1. **Approval of May 15, 2016 Board Minutes**

Henning Vauth moves to approve the minutes. Gary Mullenax seconds the motion. Motion approved.

1. **Report of Officers**
   1. **President (Jacob Womack)**
2. Eastern Division Competitions
   1. If postponed due to weather, there will be an online submission instead of live competitions. Guidelines will be distributed after the fact, if they must be canceled.
3. Two new NCTM – Sheila Womack and Sadie Teter
4. Teacher of the Year – Dr. Miltenberger
5. Leader of the Year – Laura Hamm
   1. **President-Elect (John Morrison)**
6. There are 22 people registered for the conference. This is down a little bit from last year – perhaps because there were not any student registrations.
7. Yesterday we found out the opening Shepherd faculty concert is canceled due to illness. Everything else is going smoothly for the conference so far.
8. Everything is ready for Barbara Nissmann – ticket sales, CD sales, lights, etc.
9. Thank the Shepherd faculty for all their hard work, especially Yu-Hsuan Liao.
   1. **First Vice President (Ian Jessee)**
10. Yu-Hsuan also helped Ian a lot, setting up monitors for the competitions, etc.
11. There are 40 competitors – which is a great number
    1. 23 MTNA events, 14 Mountain State events, 3 Adagio Strings
    2. **Second Vice President (Yu-Hsuan Liao)**
12. Membership is holding steady around 100 members at the moment.
13. Would be nice to get some younger members in our organization.
14. Ideas to increase membership:
    1. Scott Beard – Waiving WV state cost?
    2. Ian Jessee – How do we get our members to participate in the competitions? Ian will reach out to our members to make connections
    3. **Treasurer (Henning Vauth)**
       1. For the 2015/16 fiscal year we had $14,768 in income and $13,355.40 in expenses – so we brought in $1412.60 more than we spent. Each year, we have consistently had a little more in income than expenses.
       2. We are financially healthy, and our proposed budget is in line with last year’s income.
       3. So far this year:
          1. Income $5222.50
          2. Expense $6772.16
          3. Bank account $30,297.04
15. **Other Business**
    1. **New Website**
16. It is only marginally more expensive than the former website
17. For future:
    1. Online competition registration
    2. Online conference registration
    3. District chairs using their portion of the website to their full potential.
    4. Creation of Facebook page and Instagram account
    5. More pictures
    6. **Gary Mullenax, Trophy Points and Multiple Instruments**
18. In Spring Gary was approached by a piano/guitar teacher. This teacher was wondering if they get trophy points for performing on both instruments. As it reads, it would seem it is points per individual, not per instrument performed on. Should we change it/clarify the wording? Do we charge more?
    1. The consensus is that, yes, they should get trophy points for both.
    2. Jacob Womack suggests that the student would pay half for each subsequent instrument instead of full price to perform on each.
       1. Jacob suggests forming a sub-committee to research the impact that this would have financially impact the organization. Ian Jessee and Jacob Womack will work with the district chairs and report back on this at the next Administrative Board Meeting in January.
    3. **District Reports**
19. Vicki Cavendish – can a college student who is taking lessons with someone outside of college (regular teacher) participate in things like Fall Festival, etc. Is there an age limit?
    1. Other than competitions, there isn’t an age limit.
20. Henning Vauth – the membership list doesn’t seem to be accurate.
    1. Jacob Womack will go into our MTNA portal to see if there are any discrepancies, and make sure our list is up to date.
21. Ian Jessee – has spoken with the WV Symphony about instituting a competition in conjunction with them honoring a former concert master.
    1. Gary Mullenax referred Ian to Scott Beard who has experience setting up the Siegel-Hoffman Competition about how to get this off the ground.
    2. **A nominating committee needs to be formed for the next Administrative Board.**
    3. **Future State Conferences – Every Two Years?**
22. Attendance has been so poor at the state conferences for the past few years. Do we need to do something differently with the marketing, or move to every two years?
    1. Gary says that our bylaws require a yearly conference, and thinks it is important to meet and discuss things.
    2. We need to explore ways to better promote the conference.
    3. Perhaps the sessions could be more relevant.
23. **Adjournment**

John Morrison moves to adjourn. Ian Jessee seconds the motion. The meeting is adjourned at 6:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Barnhart Womack, WVMTA Secretary