

## MTAM Minutes 01/18/2017

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In attendance: Michelle Sieben, Christy Holland, Jennifer Hicks, Beth Engelking, Claire Klein, Kendri Scarborough, Pete Meyer, Jessica DeVillers, and Amy Furman.

Meeting called to order at 6:38 pm.

Motion to approve December minutes initiated by Jessica

All in favor, none opposed

Motion passed

Reminder to MTAM board members to renew memberships.

Discussion of Spring Conference:

- Claire proposes Terees Hibbard a Music Education professor at St. Olaf who presents on the topic of teaching by rote.
- Suggestion raised by Melissa Spiess in emailed update about possibility of Advocacy focused conference.
  - Amy suggested Judy Simpson and adding in some specifics about not just advocacy in legislation but also advocacy with reimbursement.
  - Described this year as a re-building year from a task force legislative perspective – \*Justice group is a pain and will offer resistance.
  - Additional discussion also revealed a need for us as a community and organization to understand how to use the press to our advantage, and a question of whether that could also fit into the same conference topic and whether Judy could also provide expertise or from whom we could learn more about that idea.

- Discussion of topic inspired thought that perhaps since the last conference was more lecture based it would be preferable to do something more musically based this time. Also raised point that it would be easier to book Judy Simpson well in advance.
- Motion initiated by Jennifer for pursuing topic of Music by rote for Spring conference, and at the same time to pursue topic of Advocacy for the Fall conference.
  - All in favor, None opposed. Motion Passes
  - Claire will connect with Terees and CC Kendri on email.
  - Amy with reach out to Judy.
- Issue raised – with presentation style of Terees we would likely need to consider different spaces – one with an open floor plan where movement would be possible and where we’d be able to have water bottles.
  - Suggestion for Claire’s church in Uptown – parking less than ideal but space is good
  - Suggestion for Schmitt Music in Richfield – have an auditorium space that could work.
  - Suggestion for Jennifer’s church: Normandale Lutheran in Edina – can be difficult to navigate to – easy to see hard to drive to if you haven’t been there but with clear directors may be possible.
  - Keep eyes/ears open for other possible spaces. Will revisit discussion in February.
- Claire opened discussion up for board to share hopes, and goals for us for the year.
  - Policies and Procedures to be finished
  - Bylaws to be grammatically corrected and amended/clarified
- Discussion of outreach opportunities
  - Booths at other organization conferences
  - Do more community drum circles in different areas – maybe plan to facilitate two per year.
  - Offer as a member benefit free PR help to membership for individual members planning on participating/organizing teams

for walks for causes they, as music therapists, are passionate about or impacted by (Alzheimer's walk, Autism awareness, etc)

- Used to have Gig page on the website where members would advertise their personal gigs. Only Glen H. ever used it. Discussion of adding onto website a Calendar of events page where members could include personal gigs, presentations that are open to public, events sponsored or organized by MTAM (drum circles, benefit concerts, conferences).
  - There is a benefit is in the planning stages for a MN music therapist, Babs (Barbara) Sperling who is battling cancer. Pete will keep us posted. Will be on a Sunday in March or April at the Viking bar in Minneapolis.
- Reminder to boost social media posts – the more individuals like or share the more people see them and the greater boost they get on people's newsfeeds etc.
- So far there are no applications for internship stipend. Due date is January 31<sup>st</sup>. There is one letter of recommendation, so it is likely that at least one person will apply. Applications will be reviewed at February meeting.
- Next Meeting planned for Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Time and location TBD via email.
- Motion to adjourn initiated by Michelle/Kendri
  - All in favor, none opposed
  - Motion passes – Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.