

# MTAM Business Meeting, Fall Conference 9/23/2017

Meeting Began: 8:30am

Motion made to approve agenda

All in Favor

Motion Passed

## President Report

- Thank You!
  - For being MTAM members
  - To Christina and Mt Hope for hosting us
    - If you have a spot that would work for future conference please let us know on your feedback form
      - \$200-300 rental fee
      - parking access
      - A/V access
  - To board for all your work over the past 2 years
  - For being flexible with our "old school" paper registration!
- Recognizing new professionals – welcome!
- Upcoming plans for MTAM board
  - Conflict of Interest section of Bylaws
  - Policies and Procedures manual
  - Training in new board members
- Duluth trip
  - In August we spent time with some of our outstate friends in Duluth networking and building community
- Let There Be Drums event
  - Wednesday, Sept 20
  - We were invited to speak to this group of drummers to talk about MT
  - Although the event ended up being very small, our involvement led to our connection to AirJamz!
- GLR Conference
  - Nov 16-19
  - St Louis
  - Please consider attending
  - If you have questions or concerns you would like brought to AMTA you can contact Claire Klein, Pete Meyer, or Todd Schwartzberg
- MTAM scholarships available!
  - Conference fees
  - Membership fees
  - Internship Stipends
  - Instrument repair/purchase
  - PLEASE APPLY!!
- Don't forget to be a member in Jan next year and apply for scholarships!
- Job Postings:
  - Healing Rhythms hiring part-time MT (Rochester)

## Past President Report

- Jess is the Regional Representative for Music Therapy Advocacy
  - If you have any issues with advocacy, misrepresentation, etc. you can contact her
  - She is our first contact before going to AMTA
- Election results!

Stephanie Hubbard: pres-elect

Megan Druckrey-VP

Jessica Nagel-secretary  
Amber Stefan-Treasurer  
Brianna Larsen-Public Relations

#### President-Elect Report

- Internship Stipend award winner – Alannah Forstner
  - Congratulations!!

#### Vice President Report

- Thanks to Mt Hope & Christina Brantner for hosting
- Thank you to you all for being here
- Thanks to Judy & Dena for presenting
- Share future conference topics in your evals
- Need to fill out eval and turn it in to get CMTE certificate

#### Secretary

- Minutes available on website (when it is up and running)

#### Treasurer's Report

- Current membership: 90 Professional, 22 students, 4 lifetime
- Current Balance:
  - TCF: \$10,622.03
  - Paypal: \$707.30
- \$1,200 to scholarships for MTAM members this year!!

#### PR

- Thank you to AirJamz (more on this before lunch) - Thank you card to sign at registration table.
  - Dan Sullivan will be speaking to us 15 min before lunch to let us know more about the company, product, and how we can collaborate with them
- Like us on Facebook, Follow us on Instagram and Twitter
  - The more you interact with us on social media, the more we are visible so Like and Share!

#### Website

- The website is down
  - We're going to be changing our host and domain and completely rebuilding the website
  - We'll let you know when it's up and running

#### Newsletter Editor

- Next issues available soon!
- Deadline for articles Oct 13
  - Member news, internship updates, other community events, etc

#### Government Relations

- Look for news when the legislature convenes in the spring
- Thanks for learning to be an advocate today!
- Full update during the conference
- Please fill out the survey to help us gain a clear picture of music therapy in MN
- 2018 Hill Day

#### **Action items for advocacy**

Do you have examples of:

- Limited access to music therapy
- Consumer protection issues

- Potential for harm or perceived potential for harm
- Misrepresentation of “music therapy”

**In the event of misrepresentation of “music therapy” please contact:**

- Jessica DeVillers GLR/MN Professional Advocacy Representative - [devillersj@gmail.com](mailto:devillersj@gmail.com); (920) 265-436
- Leslie Henry lahenny@tds.net and Emily Bevelaqua emily@ctmusictherapy.com are the AMTA co-chairs of the PAC committee
- Bring issues up to the regional representative first. They will determine if it should go to AMTA

**Do you have?**

- Questions or concerns about music therapy licensure or state recognition?
- Coworkers, family members of clients, clients, or facility/organization contacts who would be willing to write letters of support of music therapy licensure?
- Video case studies of music therapy with specific population(s)?
- Media features of music therapy?
- A personal connection to a Senator, Representative, or lobbyist?
- A connection with someone who would be a strong advocate for music therapy?

**Would you be interested in becoming more involved in music therapy advocacy in MN?**

**General demographic information on services you provide**

Reimbursement Chair

- Thanks to Lindsey Markworth and Mark Burnett for all your work on waivers
- Much of our reimbursement work happens on a case by case basis
- If you have reimbursement questions, contact Christina Brantner

Internship Chair

- Kay Leudke-Smith is our Clinical Training Representative
- This position was created to assist association members in creating national roster internship sites and support clinical supervisors

Student Report – Augsburg

- Sent 4 Undergrad students to GLR in Milwaukee
- Involved in Student Association Fair
- Hosts drum circles, karaoke for students and professionals alike!
- Selling items at homecoming event to help send student to conference

Student Report - U of MN

- Excited for another year of growth
- Advocating and educating about music therapy through:
  - Hosted drum circle, sold singing grams, participate in world art day on campus, senior home Sundays, Arts Quarter Festival
- Follow them on instagram @umn\_mtsa

Members-at-Large

- These people are your voices in the board – if you have anything you want brought to MTAM, please contact these people and they will bring your concerns/ideas to us
- Amy
  - Check out the video from the National Memorial Day Concert
    - Renee Fleming did a wonderful “what is music therapy moment”
  - Sound Health: Music and the Mind event at Kennedy Center
    - Partnership between AMTA, the Kennedy Center, National Institute of Health

- Many amazing MTs sharing research
    - Video MRI of Rene Fleming singing
  - Creative Forces
    - NEA Military Healing Arts Network
    - Sept 18-19, 2017 Clinical Research Summit on Military and Creative Arts Therapies
- Pete
  - If you have comments or concerns you would like addressed by the AMTA assembly, call or email me.
  - Diversity Multicultural committee is a new committee that has been formed to try to promote diversity in our field

Other Business:

- Todd Schwartzberg
  - If you want to present at GLR this spring, the deadline for submissions is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>
- Jenny Pelletier – MN State Academy for the Blind
  - Waiting for confirmation of national roster internships site – will be 8<sup>th</sup> site in MN!
  - Received djembes to start African drumming ensemble
  - First blind school to be a part of MN High School Listening Contests
    - Working together to figure out accessibility
- Claire Klein
  - Seminary doing the “Theology of Prince”
    - If you want to check that out go to [unitedseminary.edu](http://unitedseminary.edu)
- Michelle Sieben
  - Taiko Arts Midwest
    - Taiko Tuesdays
    - One free concert a month
    - This Tuesday at the Ordway is the first one

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35am

## Remembering Jenn Werner

- Card available to sign and send to her family at the registration table.

Moment of Silence followed by singing Wish You Were Here by Pink Floyd

Jennifer Werner passed away peacefully in the comfort of her own home, surrounded by family, on September 13th, 2017 at the age of 29. She lost an unfair battle against a rare and aggressive cancer, NUT Midline Carcinoma (NMC), after being diagnosed just a short 1 month and 10 days prior.

Jennifer's passion resided in the arts. She attended the University of Minnesota Twin Cities and received her Bachelors of Arts in Music Therapy. Alongside working full time, she gigged with jazz bands including the Adam Meckler Orchestra, and played in classical ensembles including the Encore Wind Ensemble. People who have had the honor of playing with her or have listened to her play, know that she could slay a bass trombone part in a rockin' jazz tune then turn around and create beautiful classical music as part of an orchestra. She possessed a musical talent that we all could appreciate, and quite frankly, be jealous of.

As much as music was a part of her life, her attributes far exceeded her musical talent. She was a wife, a daughter, a sister, a dog mother, a colleague, an aquascaper, a remodeler, a liberal advocate, and a friend to so many. Her personality, sense of humor, opinions, drive, and thoughtfulness will be greatly missed as we are left here to comprehend the loss of a truly beautiful person.

To honor Jennifer, celebrate her life, and help others that are fighting this impossible battle against NMC, our family is holding a benefit/memorial service open to all friends and family on Saturday September 23rd, 2017 from 12pm-3pm at the McColl Pond ELC in Savage, MN. This will be in place of funeral services, as Jennifer has selflessly donated herself to the University of Minnesota for research on this rare cancer. Jennifer's musical colleagues and her husband will be providing live music for the event. The proceeds from CD sales from the Adam Meckler Orchestra and money that is donated will be given to the NMC Registry Research Fund out of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, MA. Our family will then donate all proceeds on what would have been Jennifer's 30th birthday, 9/27/17.