

MTAM Business Agenda  
5.3.14  
2000 Summer Ave. NE Minneapolis, MN  
Spring conference

Present: All conference attendees of the MTAM spring 2014 conference

Pre-meeting Announcement:

\*Ashley/ Christina/Claire: Greeting/welcoming and short business of facility (restrooms etc.)

8:30-Motion to call to order

- Jess/President:
  - Motion for approval for last meetings minutes; approved.
  - Remind members that minutes are always posted on website and that they are welcome to attend meetings. Jess mentioned that meeting dates will be sent out to members in future for interest in attending.
  - Announce AMTA Scholarship application will be sent out to members in next few weeks.
  - Introduce MTAM will be continuing to offer scholarships to members that want to attend CMTEs at conferences (GLR, MTAM, NATIONAL). Overall looking for more ways to get back to our members.
  - Recently approved for 501 C3 Status: with this recent change, we are looking to become partnered with various community engagement events to promote and provide education for music therapy.
    - Nevin Heusted Foundation: You will be receiving an e-mail about this grant.
  - GLR 2015 Update: Will be here in Minneapolis next year! Currently seeking more assistance. Please e-mail Jessica if you're able to help. The more the merrier! Next spring, no MTAM conference; GLR will be in its place.
  - Introduction of new board members: transition to other officer reports.
  
- Pete/ Past President :
  - MTAM awards—If you're a member of MTAM, you can submit an application to get a scholarship for AMTA membership. Applications are read, but names are omitted. We've also enacted a service award which is intended for a someone who has above and beyond to better music therapy in Minnesota. It can be a music therapist or a non-music therapist. We have awards for each.
  - Other items: None.
  
- Claire/Pres-Elect and State Task Force
  - We want to rewrite our mission statement. Current one is along the lines of, "Promote values of AMTA on a state level." But we want to rewrite this. To conference attendees: There are some simple questions on cards and we ask that you answer these. As we partner with other organizations, they really look at mission statements. We will use your responses to these questions and construct our new mission statement.
  - Scholarship—we awarded an internship stipend earlier this year. The next due date for the next internship stipend is July 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are an internship supervisor, please encourage your interns to apply. It's worth \$350.00.

- State Task Force: The bill for music therapy licensure (SF404/HF849) moved through the senate and went through hearings, such as the Health and Human Services committee. We had a lot of support from you. We had some unexpected opposition: Speech and Language Pathology Organization. It is coming from the SLP national offices. They had concerns about licensure and what they do, and AMTA put a list together of responses to their claims. Physical Therapists also had some concerns about our training and knowing how the body works and possibly doing harm. Their concern is that they want what's best for their clients and don't want any clients to get hurt—overall, it's about putting the patient first. Also had pushback from the sound healers and harp therapists; they know to not call themselves “music therapists.” Also pushback from Freedom for Justice who had issues with any type of government-related agendas. On the house side, we were waiting to be heard with the HHS committee, but we couldn't get it. They only heard licenses that were just being edited and not new ones. On the senate bill, a fiscal note was added. The amount for the license fee would be high because they recently put in new software to figure out how fees are mathematically determined, and the cost of the new software system is being paid for by new license fees. On top of this, there weren't a lot of new licenses this session. The cost for 5 years would be \$4,000. Senator Rosen immediately removed the bill when she found out this fee. It will be revisited at a later date. Senator Rosen understands what we do and is working to improve our credibility and professionalism. There may be a higher fee for the first initial payment (\$150.00) but lower beyond that (~\$50.00-\$100.00). We'll continue to connect with Senator Rosen and Representative Dorholt. We will have to start with a new bill because it's a new legislative session soon.
  - There is another bill S1722/2324 that would add music therapists to the teachers union bargaining unit. PELREL. You can tell the importance of having a professional lobbyist because this bill has made it through all of its hearings and is just waiting for the general vote on the house and senate side. There is a letter of support to add teachers to the bargaining union, and we invite you to sign it during the lunch hour (at the conference.) Update: as of 5/6/14, the bill passed the Senate 48-13 with no debate and broad bipartisan support. It will now go on to the House of Representatives.
  - Other items: Happy music therapy week!
- Ashley/Vice Pres
    - Updates for future conference interests
    - Conference-related: Keep your lunch tickets; sign in at the AM and PM sign-in sheet so we know you were here all day. Also complete an evaluation form before you can get your CMTE certificate. We have to report how many evals we got vs. how many people attended the conference.
- Dan/Treasure:
    - Budget review: We have \$11,000 and 65 members. The money is designated to go back into the community because we are 501c3.
- Maggie/Secretary:
    - Introduction/hello to members.

- Andrea/PR:
  - Emails, PR Etc.
  - Music therapy Week: Some work places had articles. Stay connected through the community if you search for #musictherapy or #mnmtweek2014. Now that we're 501c3, we're also looking for places to be present and share what we do.
  
- Krista/Website:
  - Info for website contact...
    - Other: If you have job postings, internship sites, want your information on a private practice list, please e-mail us at [musictherapymn@gmail.com](mailto:musictherapymn@gmail.com)
  
- Beth/newsletter:
  - Stay tuned for the MTAM newsletter to come within the next two months.
  
- Christina Wood:
  - There are two conference opportunities
    - Holistic Wellness Conference: "Engaging Body, Mind & Spirit" Thursday & Friday July 24-25 2014. Pre-Conferences Wednesday July 23 Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Here is a link for more information & there is another link within this page to see the full PDF conference brochure: <https://cne.education-registration.com/events/402/view>
    - Mayo Clinic Humanities in Medicine Program and Society for Arts in Healthcare (Global Alliance for Arts & Health) are partnering for a regional conference at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, November 16 & 17<sup>th</sup>. Keynote & Plenary speakers include Dr Lisa Wong (<http://www.drlisamwong.com/about.html>), Dr Gary Christenson (U of MN) & Dr Paul Scanlon (Mayo Clinic). The Call for Papers will be going out soon & more information can be obtained by emailing: [wood.christina2@mayo.edu](mailto:wood.christina2@mayo.edu)

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