

Music Therapy Association of Minnesota Board Meeting

Saturday September 27, 2014

Augsburg College Foss Center/Hoversten Chapel

In attendance: Conference attendees

1. Call to order by Jessica DeVillers at 8:30 a.m.
2. Dr. Roberta Kagin (talk about Augsburg)
 - a. 40th anniversary celebration went very well! (Fri. Sept. 26th)
 - b. Inauguration of Master's Program under Dr. Annie Heiderscheit
3. Amy Furman (AMTA President)
 - a. Advocacy: It's important that we educate the community with what "music therapy" is. It has been found to be misused by some sites claiming they offer music therapy services, but they do not.
 - b. Alive Inside: Problem with follow-up. AMTA website has talking points about this.
 - c. Seeking MTs to be advocates on local and regional level, esp. anyone from Walker Methodist
 - d. Welcome to Nadya Trytan, president of North American Drama Therapy Association.
 - e. Pete Meyer was the recipient for the Florence Tyson grant for the conference this year.
 - f. Start planning for next year to receive scholarships. This year's conference will be in Louisville, and next year's conference will be in KC.
4. Approve minutes from previous meeting— motion carried
5. Review of MTAM Bylaws
 - a. See changes at bottom of minutes.
 - b. "Timely manner" will mean within one month of event (e.g. conference checks will be cashed within one month of conference)
 - c. Motion to approve changes—motion carried.
6. Great Lakes Regional Conference for 2015
 - a. Jessica DeVillers, Mike Limbybliw, and Christina Brantner are working as co-chairs
 - b. Held in Minneapolis!
 - c. Call for papers: Call for papers is on the inside panel of brochure that was available at the registration table for the MTAM conference today. Kristen Lueck is collecting all proposals via e-mail. Theme: Wellness for music therapy conference focusing not only on ourselves but in turn passing it onto clients as well. Music, programs, entertainment is centered to wellness of selves and client.
 - d. Money: Reminder that if you (a committee member) have spent money towards GLR 2015, please see Mike with form filled out of what you bought (Mike has forms)
 - e. Claire (at Alzheimer's walk)
 - i. Working to rewriting mission statement. If interested in working on this, please e-mail Claire Klein
7. Officer Updates:
 - a. Pete Meyer, past president
 - i. If you're thinking of running for the board, please contact Pete. For those who are not a member of MTAM, please become one. There are two scholarships for

each of our local conferences. This is need-based and completely anonymous. Only the person who receives the e-mail and the person who writes the check know the scholarship winner(s). We also have AMTA stipend assistance. Two conference scholars for CMTes. If students are interested in internships, we have student stipends and also lifetime achievement awards for anyone with more than 15 years of experience who has served MTAM and also Friend of MTAM award for a non-music therapist that has helped our organization or the state of MN in some way.

- b. Ashley, VP (absent)
 - i. Ashley will be moving to North Carolina. Please see Jessica if you have questions or interest in being appointed to be our new VP.
 - ii. Wanted to remind others that you must fill out post-test and evaluation before getting certificate for MT-BCs.
 - c. Dan, Treasurer
 - i. Keeps track of money and memberships. Questions? Contact him at mtamtresury@gmail.com
 - ii. We have just over 100 members
 - iii. ~\$15,000
 - d. Public relations
 - i. Just providing wi-fi password
 - e. Government Relations: Melissa Hirokawa
 - i. Bill added music therapists to the teachers bargaining union. Authored by Sen. Hoffman; approved by whole senate and whole house.
 - ii. 2013 was big budget year for MN. MTs met and passed out folders to over 50 lawmakers for day on the hill.
 - iii. Senator Rosen pulled bill because licensure fees would have been too high if it passed this time.
 - iv. Fraser School's public policy specialist assisted with this.
 - v. We've received over 75 letters of support. Thank you!
 - f. Krista, Website (absent for meeting), nothing to report.
 - g. Maggie, Secretary, check the website soon for the minutes or to view archives of minutes.
 - h. MTAM Student Reps
 - i. U of M: Participating with different organizations on campus such as Autism Speaks and Walk for Life
 - ii. Augsburg: Music Therapy club participated in homecoming decorating and got \$1,000 for 3rd place. One student from Augsburg will be presenting at conference. Money from 3rd place prize will go toward assisting students to get to national conference.
8. Other reports?
- a. Lori Ludwig is a music therapist at Johanna Shores. She gave a presentation at her church about MT, which was well received.
 - b. Michelle: Received phone call written about her facility about drum circles and wants to have someone come to Andover area to lead a drum circle. Please see Michelle for this.
 - c. Roberta GLR Rep: Any traveling/professionally for the organization MTAM or AMTA. Internships/practicums abroad? Please let Roberta know.
9. Motion to adjourn meeting. Motion carried 9:07 a.m.

Grand total of people present for conference: 81 MTAM Bylaws proposed changes summary

MTAM Proposal of By-Laws Changes:

- 1.) Minor changes in formatting for spacing, capitalizations and formatting.
- 2.) Mission statement revisions-changed word of "purpose" to "mission"
- 3.) Replacement of term "Board of Directors" to be consistent with definition of "Executive Board"
- 4.) Replacement of word "newsletter" to "members only" website password
- 5.) Article IV, Section 10, quorum definition clarified to state "The quorum for executive board meeting shall consist of the president plus one other elected officer and at least an additional twenty-five percent of executive board members. The quorum for business meeting shall consist of the president plus one other elected officer and at least an additional twenty-five percent of the active membership in the association."
- 6.) Article V, Section 3-deleted. Section 4 changed to section 3
- 7.) Addition to Article VI: "Elected board members may vote on decisions at board meetings, non-elected board, appointed board members may vote on scholarships and grants at meetings"
- 8.) Article VII, Section 1, article b-change in duty for president elect to state "The president-elect will act as the chair person for the Internship stipend."
- 9.) Article VII, section 1, article f- addition to past president to state "will act as chair person to coordinate various scholarships given to MTAM members"
- 10.) Addition of section G to Article VII to reflect Public relations elected officer addition. Article VIII section, 1, deleted to reflect from position of Public relations to elected position. Sections renumbered in Article VIII to reflect deletion of Section 1.
- 11.) Article X, section 1, addition of phrase "summer of odd year" to reflect time frame for nominations.
- 12.) Article X, Section 3, article b, rephrased to state "distributed by the association" with the removal of the Newsletter used for ballot delivery.
- 13.) Article XI, section 5, rephrased to time frame "in a timely manner"