

MTAM Meeting, Andrea's home, 2/17/14 @ 7 p.m.

- I. Call to Order by Jessica De Villers
- II. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes for January approved
- III. Officer Reports
  - a. Treasurer Update:
    - i. Dan reported: Beth and Dan do not yet have a clear budget lined up at this time. Will report at a later point.
    - ii. Allocating funds for 501c3
      1. We can allocate up to 50% of our income budget towards 501c3, stipends, scholarships and the like. As a group, we need to discuss how we want to allocate our funds. We need to say we have the money set aside but **do not have to necessarily spend it.**
        - a. Suggested to check in with Michigan and Ohio to ask how they do it since they are also 501c3.
    - iii. We have 10 members and 2 of them are lifetime members.
    - iv. At the moment, we have \$8,500, and we spent a little more than we made in January because of reimbursing Pete for AMTA conference from 2013.
    - v. Taxes were filed successfully and registered with secretary of state for our annual registration.
    - vi. Our mission is: To advance the AMTA mission on the local level. We could expand on this.
      1. Another requirement is to provide education to our community about MT.
    - vii. [mtamtresury@gmail.com](mailto:mtamtresury@gmail.com) is the new treasury e-mail.
  - b. Vice President (Ashley)
    - i. Connected with Christina about spring conference. No major knowledge about conference coming up but will update as needed.
    - ii. Elizabeth Giffin wants everyone to know MBNA should be contacted via e-mail.
  - c. President
    - i. Discussed coming conference and 501c3 status.
  - d. Secretary
    - i. Nothing to report
  - e. Public Relations
    - i. Nothing to report
  - f. Government Relations (Amy Madson)
    - i. No day on the hill this year. We will be instead be handing out folders. Please get involved by collecting and giving personal testimonies for the hearing.
    - ii. As far as the task force, we're meeting with lobbyists and allied professions (e.g. PTs) but were told by one person they wanted us to change our language to prevent pushback through educating.
      1. In RI (?) they received over 200 letters of testimony from people, which made a huge difference. It does not have to be clients. It can

be friends, family, and neighbors. Quantity does matter in this case.

2. A testimony recruiting team will be encouraging others to write.
    - a. Maggie Sonstebly, Suzanne Holtz, and Melissa Hirokawa will be involved with the task force. Please contact Amy and Claire if you are interested in being on the task force.
    - b. Possibly consider incentive to get letters from people
    - c. We would like to get them relatively soon this spring.
  - iii. Talked with allied professionals about MT research, anecdotes, and scope of practice, but they still have concern: They don't want MTs to work outside of their scope of practice. E.g. If people are helping with ROM, how is that being assessed, and how are we ensuring that the person with whom we're working will not tear rotator cuff. We need to define terms better and would like us to change language. Two specific questionable terms mentioned were "consultation" and "collaboration". The issue is that they want to know what the requirement is to consult and collaborate.
  - iv. How are we educating/informing others?
    1. Some organizations have lobbyists that they pay, but they don't have 501c3 status, or they have other funding avenues to utilize. Task force is also going to be informing community. We as a group do not lobby (we are not paying people) but we can educate.
  - v. Will there be a MT Week? Yes, there will be one in conjunction with the spring conference on May 3, 2014.
- IV. Members at Large
- a. Expanding to invite more members at large members: Please keep this in mind if interested or have anybody in mind. Invite people to the next meeting.
  - b. Role of members at large:
    - i. They provide good feedback and ideas.
    - ii. They do not vote.
    - iii. They attend the meetings and try to represent the MT community.
- V. Review scholarship apps
- a. Claire was not able to attend, so this will be covered in March's meeting.
- VI. Meeting schedule
- a. Next meeting scheduled: TBD
    - i. Possible Saturday afternoons and/or Tuesdays
    - ii. It will always be **the third week of each month**, then a date will be determined closer to the time.
- VII. Christina Wood sent out information regarding poster space for an upcoming conference.
- a. Amy F. likes the idea and likes that we're watching for opportunities, but we missed the deadline to provide presentations, which would have been the greatest benefit.
  - b. It only had an expected attendance of 200 people, so not a huge number for outreach.
  - c. The role of the poster session would be for PR/educating.

- d. Andrea suggested a running calendar for large conferences for deadlines and fees for things, such as the Nat'l Williams conference, Autism, Aging Services.
  - i. These events are things we could allocate and count toward our 501c3 because they are education-related.
- VIII. Fall conference
  - a. We are waiting to hear back from Augsburg about a time for the fall conference.
    - i. Trying to coincide the conference with a visit from Alan Turry
- IX. Awards (Lifetime/Service and the Friend of Music Therapy Service Awards)
  - a. Alternate the two awards.
  - b. Possible nomination for Todd Schwarts (President of Autism Society)
  - c. There is generally not a greater attendance when there is a well-known speaker.
- X. Movement to adjourn by Andrea

In Attendance:

Jessica De Villers

Amy Furman

Amy Madson

Andrea Yun Springer

Ashley Newbrough

Dan Andersen

Erin Fox