

**Music Therapy of Minnesota Association Meeting**  
**March 25th, 2020, 6:30-8:30 PM**

Attendance: Stephanie Hubbard (President), Amber Stefan (Vice President) Ericha Rupp (President Elect), Amy Furman (Member at Large), Melissa Speiss, Jennifer Hicks, Jessica Nagel Nnebedum, Erin Lunde (PR), Beth Engelking, Christy Holland (website manager and member of the COVID-19 needs assessment group), Megan Druckrey, MelodySchuldt, Linnea Larson (secretary)

1. Meeting was attended via Zoom as an in-person meeting was not possible due to current COVID-19 restrictions

2. Motion to approve February minutes

Motion approved

3. Motion to approve agenda and make it felxible

Motion approved

4. Motion to approve flexible agenda

Motion approved

5. Update on appointed positions

- i. Melissa Spiess Gov't Relations Co-Chair
- ii. In process: Website chair search (for 2021)

6. Spring Conference

a. Postponement update

- i. MN MTBOs are needing help at this time
- ii. Can we have an MTAM sponsored self-care resources?
- iii. Would Jen Hicks be willing to do a 75 mins-3hr CMTE For an online conference on self-care? (Rate \$200 for the first hour and \$100 for each additional hour)
  - 1. What would the format be? Zoom, YouTube, etc?
  - 2. Could it be open to disciplines other than MTs?
  - 3. How could we help people stay accountable?
- iv. Could we have use donations instead of conference registration fee?

b. LeagueAires

- i. Are the LeagueAires funds still available? Could we use LeagueAires funds to provide a Music Therapy service to their members to help them cope during COVID-19 (i.e. a relaxation session)
- ii. Could we create an opportunity for LeagueAires members to do some experiential music making and singing

- iii. Jen Hicks will write some proposals for presentations that include length, general objectives, itemized expenses, what we would need to allow everyone to participate etc..
        - 1. Jen will have the proposal to Amber
    - c. Could we break the conference into separate parts? Ideas include:
      - i. A YouTube video
      - ii. Live interactive
      - iii. Webinar
    - d. Erin and Stephanie will work on putting out an official statement about the postponement of session to go out in an email, social media platforms, etc...
7. Supporting MN MTs, MT Students, and MT interns during COVID-19 Crisis
  - a. Jen Hicks spoke on Internships
    - i. How can we help more unpaid interns knowing that funds are limited
    - ii. It is very challenging to reach out for help. Are there other ways that we can reach out to interns rather than requiring them to reach out to us?
    - iii. How do we support non local interns?
    - iv. Interns may have to extend their internships in the wake of COVID-19 or internships are being delayed
      - 1. Is it ethical to bring an intern in at this time given the fact that everyone needs to stay healthy?
  - b. Unemployment during COVID-19
  - c. Budget conversation
    - i. \$300 per school per conference for a total of \$1200
    - ii. Internship scholarships
  - d. Review and approve 2020 budget
    - i. Budget will be reviewed by board members in the next few days and then get a motion to approve
  - e. Consider uses of/for MPLS foundation grant money (estimated \$3960 which includes carryover from 2019)
  - f. Consider uses of/for Jen Werner fund (currently \$849.50) in a separate fund
  - g. How can we use funds to support those affected by COVID-19
    - i. People who are getting sick?
    - ii. People who are out of work?
    - iii. We need to assess what the need is and come up with at a tool to gather the information.
      - 1. Erin, Stephanie, Jessica and Beth will come up with options and then have a zoom meeting and come up with an assessment and a way to put it in place
    - iv. A form has been sent out, but hasn't been put on social media yet
8. GLR Updates
  - i. 2021 Conference
  - ii. Support of GLR members during COVID-19 Crisis

1. They are reaching out to businesses and organizations to see if they can get donations
2. Conference was well attended, so they have some money available which they haven't figured out how to distribute

Motion to adjourn  
Motion Approved