

**Music Therapy Association of Minnesota: Board Meeting  
Wednesday, February 10, 2021, 7-8:30 PM**

**Attendance: Stephanie Hubbard, Amber Stefan, Beth Engelking, Linnea Larson, Erin Lunde, Mark Burnett,  
Michelle Doree, Jessica Nagel, Maggie Sonstebly**

1. Get everyone in Zoom call / casual check in
2. Call to Order by Stephanie at 7:02 pm & Approve Flexible Agenda
3. Approve January Minutes
  - a. Motion made by Amber
  - b. Motion approved
4. Announcements:
  - a. March Meeting: March 10 7PM after which we will resume the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month
  - b. Reminder that early Bird Registration for GLR Conference ends Friday (8/12)
  - c. Renew MTAM and AMTA memberships
5. Elected Officer Reports & Discussion:
  - a. President
    - i. Professional Scholarships Vote Coming from Stephanie
    - ii. Additional Grant from Cannons\*\*
      1. **Action:** Stephanie will write thank you and explain use of funds
      2. Stephanie heard from Mr. Cannon who recommended another \$2500 from the Minneapolis Foundation
  - b. President Elect
    - i. Intern Scholarship
      1. Motion made to award Kendall Alexander the internship scholarship
      2. Motion approved
    - ii. State Task Force Question Doc
      1. [Name has been changed from licensure task force](#)
      2. [There are now assigned roles on the task force](#)
      3. [A logo has been created](#)
      4. [State fact sheet has been updated. Information was gathered from MT-BCs across MN and the MTAM board](#)
      5. [Questions need to be solidified by 2/19](#)
      6. [A series of emails will be sent to MT-BCs on 3/8/2021](#)
  - c. Past President
    - i. Michelle asked people to reach out to people who might be interested in running for board positions. Potential candidates should be presented to Michelle
  - d. Secretary- no updates
  - e. VP
    - i. Jenn Werner Fund: Funding & Criteria
      1. [Stephanie talked with Pete Meyer and Jessica Devillers and Claire Klein about the history of the fund and how to honor the way in which it was set up. The hope is that support could be available to qualifying individuals quickly. Michelle provided more information about how the fund came to be set up. Stephanie will ask Pete Meyer to look over the criteria again and reach out to the family if he feels it is necessary.](#)
      2. [Board members should feel empowered to fill out the form for people who may need the assistance to cut down on the red tape](#)
      3. [A donation button has been added to the membership section of the MTAM website](#)
    - ii. Fall Conference: beginning conversations on hold for now
    - iii. And idea was brought forth about Member Benefit Videos to encourage membership in MTAM along with mini presentations at monthly board meetings
      1. Could we do 3 short videos? (i.e. relaxation, telehealth, advocacy, neurodiversity). Videos would be password protected and only given out to members
        - a. Starting with 2 videos by Jen Hicks, Chantise Hunt
          - i. Motion for \$200 for the videos (from Cannon Foundation year end grant)
          - ii. Michelle Moved
          - iii. Motion approved
      2. Amber reached out to Amy Furman to get an idea of how much it might cost to get someone from the school system and is waiting to hear back
  - f. Treasurer

# Treasurer's Report February 2021

Compiled by Treasurer: Melody Schuldt, MA, MT-BC

Link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AXJ1Od2G9TPoWGdTG8pCPWqU4q9F9VBjp6qdeckfg8A/edit?usp=sharing>

<b>Memberships</b>	Professional: 16 Student: 6 Lifetime: 7 – Roberta Kagin, Bridget Doak, Bill Webb, Kay Luedke-Smith, Dawn Miller, Amy Furman, Sandi Holten
<b>Financial</b>	Checking: \$4,028.47 Paypal: \$10,336.22 Petty Cash: \$505.00 TOTAL: \$14,869.69  Year to Date Income: \$436.00 Year to Date Expenses: \$126.42 Year to Date Difference: \$309.58
<b>Other Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Board members - renew your 2021 MTAM membership if you haven't already! :)</li> <li>● Made adjustments in 2020 to reimburse our general MTAM budget for student conference membership (using Minneapolis Foundation grant)</li> <li>● Adjusted \$2500 year end gift from Cannon Family to 2020's budget</li> <li>● Added line item under Spring and Fall Conference to note the 10% donation to Jenn Werner fund (see additional note in email)</li> <li>● It's on my radar to continue exploring a few other bank options identified in our Jan. meeting - let's move this to our next meeting</li> </ul>

- g. PR / Website
  - i. Music Therapy Week / GLR Conference
  - ii. Liaison reminders
  - iii. Next scholarship deadline:

6. Special Committee/ Taskforce / Workgroup Reports & Discussion:
  - a. COVID-19
    - i. Next steps
    - ii. Supporting Students and Interns
  - b. Equity and Diversity Action Steps
    - i. Possible Next Steps: Motion put forth by Jess in Dec
7. Appointed Member Reports & Discussion (35-45 min):
  - a. Members at Large
    - i. Idea for Gov Relations?: Email Signature
  - b. Gov. Relations
    - i. MT Week: Language (p.2)
  - c. Reimbursement
    - i. Next Steps for Supporting MN MTs through Waiver changes
      1. Motion to investigate grants that would support professional projects necessary for the practice of Music Therapy in Minnesota
      2. So moved
      3. Motion passes
8. Other Business
  - a. Updating Private Practice List
9. Adjourn
  - a. Motion to adjourn 8:45pm
  - b. So moved
  - c. Motion granted and meeting adjourned

*April is national*  
**OCCUPATIONAL**  
**THERAPY month!**

**Future topics:**

*New bank? (Dec or Jan)*

*Handbook Revision: Gov. Relations and Reimbursement*

*MTAM Commitments and Possible Action Steps Toward Equity & Diversity;*

WHEREAS Music Therapy is the clinical and evidence-based use of music interventions to accomplish individualized goals within a therapeutic relationship; and

WHEREAS Interventions are developed and provided by a credentialed professional who has completed an approved music therapy program; and

WHEREAS Music therapists work with individuals of all ages and diverse cultural traditions, some of whom require special services because physical, learning, social, emotional and behavioral limitations; and

WHEREAS The Joint Commission and the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) recognize music therapy as one of the creative arts therapies; and

WHEREAS The American Music Therapy Association is committed to the advancement of education, professional standards, credentials, and research in support of the music therapy profession; and

WHEREAS the state of Minnesota is proud to be home to many Board-Certified Music Therapists, quality music therapy university programs, and training and internship sites

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tim Walz, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim this week, February 28-March 6, 2021, as: Music Therapy Week in the state of Minnesota

1. Must align with mission statement.
2. Priority will be given to topics that have been requested by members at previous conferences.
3. Topics must be relevant and address a significant issue or opportunity music therapists are currently facing.
4. Speaker should advocate current best practices on respective topic.
5. Expertise should be relevant and represented on their resume/curriculum vitae.
6. We will strive to select speakers that will represent various populations.

Motion: In an effort to fully engage with and learn from our Minnesota and larger music therapy community, the MTAM board commits to annually hiring at least one conference presenter who identifies with a minoritized community.

I wonder about the commitment instead being to a topic once a year focused on social justice or culture-centering in MT for the next 2 years or so?

We would also want to be mindful about people who are in minoritized groups that are not visually evident (i.e. LGBTQIA)

COVID-19