

# MTAM Minutes – February 8, 2017

Meeting Began: 6:45pm

In Attendance: Melissa Spiess, Claire Klein, Michelle Sieben, Jenifer Hicks, Jillian Johnson, Melissa Hentges, Amy Furman

## Approve minutes/ agenda

- Motion from Jen to approve agenda
  - All in favor
  - Motion passed
- Motion from Michelle to approve Jan minutes
  - All in favor
  - Motion passed

## Spring conference update

- Date and speaker are set!
- Terees is free on April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Location:
  - Claire's church is available: Lyndale UCC (Springhouse Ministry Center)
    - Perks: has chairs rather than pews so the space would work well, there is a kitchen that we would have access to
    - Con: all street parking, but parking is plentiful and free
    - Fee: \$150.00 (Claire is double checking to make sure this is accurate)
    - Claire will coordinate with Kendri to reserve the space
    - Jen will send out a "Save the Date" with just the date, location, time. She will not release information about the topic or speaker until we receive approval from CBMT
    - We are going to save a little money by not buying an afternoon snack
      - No one has been eating it
      - Maybe add granola bars so that people could snack on them later?

## Possibility for Fall conference opportunity from Claire

- We've talked about doing an advocacy training with Judy Simpson, however, the Gianna Homes Gala on October 20 is focusing on music therapy and they want to bring in Dr. Melida Belgrave as a key note speaker. Are we interested in partnering with Gianna Homes to see if she would be speak at our conference as well? Yes!!
- Michelle motions to invite Melida Belgrave to be the speaker on Oct 21 at the fall MTAM conference
  - All in favor
  - Motion passed
- Claire will connect with her boss and Kendri to begin coordinating

- Maybe we revisit advocacy with Judy Simpson for Fall 2019?

#### President elect (Vote on scholarships)

- Motion to award the internship scholarship to Krystal Wee from Melissa H.
  - All in favor
  - Motion passed

#### BTKB April fundraiser for Babs

- Aril 23<sup>rd</sup> at Viking Bar
- No cover, Donations and percentage of drink sales will go to Babs
- Still need a name for the event
- MTAM is in full support and Jen will be promoting via social media/email and at our conference

#### Erin Lunde wants to host a MT group to provide community connections

- Looking for feedback:
  - Finding a public space?
    - Rec centers, Community centers, Park shelter, Libraries
  - Permitting?
    - Will depend on the space
  - May be a good idea to have participants sign a waiver
  - Jen will be responding to let her know that we are in full support and to let her know we are willing to help/put out a call to membership and promote via social media
  - Would MTAM want to contribute if there is a space fee?
    - No. We can sponsor through support and promotion but won't be supporting financially. We don't want to set a precedent for paying for groups that MTAM is not hosting.

#### Membership Directory

- Not everyone is comfortable having their information on the website for security reasons
- Does it make sense to email it out twice a year after each conference?
  - Jen would send out an email (and include in her officer report at conference) that we will be emailing out a member directory after the conference.
  - Any members who do not want their information to be included can opt out
- Jen moves to email member directory after each conference after giving members an opportunity to opt out
  - All in favor
  - Motion passed

#### Officer reports

- Past President

- No Report
- President
  - What do you want me to brag about in GLR report?
    - Scholarships for member support
    - Promote MN MTs in the news
  - GLR Update
    - Last two conferences were way over budget so GLR is doubling down on conference spending moving forward
    - This conference seems to be on track financially
    - We want to be aware of some of the issues faced by current conferences (hotel block difficulties, program issues) as we get closer to hosting the national conference in 2019 so that we can avoid the same pitfalls.
- VP
  - Conference planning – see above
- Secretary
  - No Report
- Treasurer
  - Members: 38 professional members, 18 students
    - January sale boosted student and professional membership!
  - Accounts:
    - TCF: \$4817.48
    - Paypal: \$5740.46
    - Petty Cash: \$225
    - Total: \$10,782.94
  - Income:
    - \$950 from professional membership
    - \$108 student memberships
    - \$1058 YTD
  - Expenditures:
    - Paypal fees \$46.66
    - MTAM meal from Jan mtg: \$163.32
  - This month's focus is on filing taxes for MTAM
  - Will continue to keep track of income/expenditures as we gain more members and start conference registration
  - Vote on budget
    - Numbers from 2015 and 2016 have been entered and we can project for 2017
    - Something to consider:
      - Supporting the president for conference cost beyond just registration costs

- Add Business Membership to Costco or Sams Club to buy food for conferences
  - Jen motions to approve proposed 2017 budget with the addition of a Costco membership
    - All in favor
    - Motion passed
  - Christy: can you add a note to the MTAM website under member info that the budget is available to all members by request?
  - Jillian will set up Costco membership
- PR
  - Swag:
    - Pens and sticky notes are most popular by far
    - Price varies depends on the amount purchased
    - We can get the same pen
    - Do we want to go with a different sticky note to save a little money?
      - Jen motions to order a less expensive sticky note and the same pen
      - All in favor
      - Motion passed
- Website
  - Registration cost was changed back to \$12 for students
  - The new approved internship site has been added
  - The calendar is up and running
  - Job postings have been updated
- Newsletter
  - No Report
- Government Relations/ Task Force
  - Minnesota Citizens for the Arts (MCA) will be having an Arts Advocacy Day at the MN History Center and State Capitol Complex February 28th. An update with action items was sent out about that today.
  - Date for Music Therapy week? Need at least 20 work days, preferably 30 in advance for proclamation. Checked in with Task Force again today to see if they wanted to do a hill day this year. It would be good to align these two things. Haven't heard back.
    - Jen motions to make MN MT week the week prior to our spring conference April 16-22
      - All in favor
      - Motion passed
  - Working on setting up meetings with Representatives, Senators, and community allies now.

- Beth Engleking made an outstanding connection with her Democratic Representative, Erin Maye Quade who serves on policy and VA affairs. Barb Else suggested today that she "might be a good person to think about with respect to a small amendment to a VA bill that comes along to recognize the MT-BC as the credentialed MT service for veterans in the community or a small study bill to look at MT services in MN for service members in transition, in the community, and served by the VA."
  - Want to save the National Endowment for the Arts? This is the only petition that MN Citizens for the Arts and Americans for the Arts is recommending you sign. It is a national petition for President Trump to Support the Arts in America. I am pleased to see it speaks to creative arts therapists and is endorsed by national creative arts associations.
  - This petition was on the MCA website as well. It would be fantastic if this could go out via social media. It went out to all MTs in the state but having it in a format that is more quickly sharable would be great. <http://artsactionfund.org/page/s/trump-arts-petition>
- Reimbursement
    - No Report
  - Members at Large
    - Amy:
      - We are an amazing state!
      - Thank you Claire for helping us become so organized and transparent!
  - Students
    - No Report
    - Jen has the names new students to contact.

March Meeting – There will NOT be an MTAM business meeting at GLR. Instead we will invite MN MTs to an informal networking lunch/gathering.

Next MTAM meeting:

- We need to send out bylaw changes by March 22<sup>nd</sup> so we are only going to focus on that at the next meeting
- Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- 7:00pm
- Amy Furman's House: 6110 Beard Ave S. Edina, MN

Motion to adjourn from Michelle

All in favor

Motion passed