

Minutes ASTA MD/DC Annual Membership Meeting, May 17, 2009
The Lutheran Church of St. Andrew, Silver Spring, MD
Submitted by Jean Provine

Present: Kimberly McCollum, Lorraine Combs, Sarah Coterill, Dorée Huneven, Jaque Lyman, Dalton Potter, Jean Provine, Alessandra Schneider, Paul Scimonelli, Lya Stern, Catherine Stewart

1. Discussion of whether to put current issues of *Stringendo* online. Lorraine Combs had already put the Spring issue online. It was agreed to post the issues without ads approximately one month after mailing date.
2. Lorraine handed out information about webmail accounts and distributed a handout about the automatic email response button.
3. Treasurer's report (Jean Provine) *Note: MD/DC members may request the Treasurer's Report from Jean. Contact her privately.*
4. Cathy Stewart explained a three-year plan made with rock violinist Mark Wood, director of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. He will come here June 5–6, 2010, to work with students and teachers from private studios. This could possibly co-ordinate with the annual ASTA MD/DC meeting. There would be a concert at the end. In 2011 his visit would involve the public and private school students as well, and in 2012 would culminate in a performance of local students with his orchestra in the MCI center. Potter's Violins is sponsoring his visits, but a committee is needed to complete plans.
5. President's report: The board members have increased this year. We have established links with University of Maryland education program. Doree has been trying to make progress on drawing in MMEA and public school string teachers.
6. Upcoming events:
Jaque Lyman: The Fiddle Day is set for September 12, 2009 at Anne Arundel Community College. Details not yet set.
Jean Provine: The Solo Strings Festival will be held on May 24, 2009, in conjunction with MSMTA. There are 35 participating teachers and 160 students.
Lya Stern: Talked about the ASTA CAP program. The next exams will be at Catholic University on May 31, 2009.