

Minutes of ASTA MD/DC Board Meeting, June 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Catherine Stewart, Olney MD

Present: Daniel Levitov, President; Matthew Tifford, President -elect; Jean Provine, Secretary-Treasurer; Marissa Murphy, Mark Pfannschmidt, Vasily Popov, Catherine Stewart, Ale Schneider.

Welcome by Daniel Levitov.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved after discussion as to whether the approved changes in the bylaws had been changed online. Dan will contact Lorraine to check that and Matt will review the wording.

Youth Orchestra Liason: Dan reported that Judy Silverman had resigned her position as Youth Orchestra Liason. It was decided to change the position title to Orchestra Liason to include possible interaction with the area professional orchestras as well youth orchestras. Marissa Murphy volunteered to help find a replacement and Cathy Stewart will contact Lenelle Morse to see if she is interested.

Ideas for new regular occurring events:

- A regular workshop occurring early in the year – September or October. Cathy Stewart will contact Noah Kageyama about doing a workshop on performance techniques this coming September. MCYO would perhaps partner in this and future workshops.
- A competition. We would have to think carefully about the type, age group, prizes.
- A concert to benefit the scholarship fund. Besides ASTA members, other area professionals could be invited to play as well as winners from any competitions. Scholarship recipients would be required to play. This needs a chair or committee.

ASTACAP. Report from Lya Stern read by Dan. February 2013 and May 2013 exams went well. The new venue, Temple Beth Ami, has proven to be very convenient, friendly and inexpensive. We should keep it in mind for other events.

Treasurer's report: Jean Provine. Although the account has decreased \$1500 or so in the last six months and now stands at \$14,581, this is normal since most of the bills and activities occur in the spring. It was undecided whether to add any money from the regular account to the scholarship fund, which is now at \$1550.

Membership. Dan emphasized the need to target expenditures towards bringing in new members and retaining the members we have. We feel our membership of 245 is down from where it should be for this region. This must be our top priority. The budget discussion centered on this goal.

Teachers' meetings. Rather than have these monthly meetings at a single venue and organized by a single person, it was thought that 3 or 4 meetings per year would be sufficient and each board member would be responsible for presenting and hosting a meeting.

Other business.

- It was thought that we should publish a membership directory to send out. Ale will investigate.
- Stringendo will be offered in digital form as an option. Members would be able to change to digital by clicking in the newsletter. Matt will check details with Lorraine.

Next meeting: Early September (probably September 8, 2013).