

Minutes of ASTA MD/DC Board Meeting and Dinner, March 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.
Mamma Lucia, Olney MD

Present: Daniel Levitov, President, Matthew Tifford, President-Elect; Jean Provine, Secretary-Treasurer; Robert Battey, Karen Bredberg, Karin Brown, Julianna Chitwood, Lorraine Combs, Ken Ding, Gerald and Gail Fischbach, Lynn Fleming, Andrea Hoag, Dorée Huneven, Cynthia Mauney, Lenelle Morse, Dave Nocera, Mark Pfannschmidt, Vasily Popov, Paul Scimonelli, Alan Stepansky, Lya and Larry Stern, Catherine Stewart, Margaret Wright.

This short meeting was a prelude to the annual membership dinner.

Introduction and welcome: Daniel Levitov. Vote on by-laws proposed at the September meeting. These are outlined in the minutes from the September 2012 meeting. All passed.

Treasurer's report: Jean Provine. Funds are healthy. Income from regular activities remained predictable this year and the chapter funds have increased slightly. This was reflected in the budget presentation that followed.

Budget presentation: Matthew Tifford. The budget was created from averages from the last two years. Some activities hadn't yet taken place for this year, so were left blank, but it showed that we can expect a couple of thousand dollars surplus this year.

Proposal to support World On A String: Doree Huneven. This will be a repeat of the event held November 3, 2012. It will include workshop sessions and concerts featuring players of string instruments of various cultures. It was voted to support this event again up to \$3000.

On increasing membership and future ideas: Daniel Levitov. While we are already one of the most active chapters, we have a fairly small membership considering the physical area we cover. Dan called on each of those present to act as ambassador to encourage new members. Ideas for the future include sending teachers to help in public school programs, and starting a summer camp. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

DINNER

Alan Stepansky, Professor of Cello at Peabody and the Manhattan School of Music, gave an interesting talk about conservatory entrance expectations and the value of training the well-rounded musician, who would be proficient at not just solo repertoire, but orchestra and chamber music repertoire and improvisation.

Cello performances were given by Ellen Gira, student of Glenn Garlick and former student of Matthew Tifford, and Iain San Hoi Forrest, one of Matthew's current students.

Service to Strings Award was presented to Rebecca Henry.
Teacher of the Year Award was presented to Gerald Fischbach.

Next meeting: June 9, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at the home of Cathy Stewart.