

MNSOTA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, August 6, 2010 — College of St. Benedict

Introduction of board members

President Sarah Chelgren welcomed 20 members in attendance and introduced board members present.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Allison Johnson distributed the annual reports July 1, 2009–June 30, 2010, which included profit and loss and the balance sheet as of June 30, 2010. Expenses totaled \$42,346.81 and our net balance is \$6,641.80 from membership dues and events. We have a balance of \$27,250.29 in a money market checking account. We plan to transfer some of our net balance into the money market checking account to earn some interest.

Fall String Camp

Allison Johnson is the coordinator. It will take place Halloween weekend, October 29–31, for 6th–8th grade. The student fee is \$160 per student. There is a need for more chaperones and teachers to lead sectionals. The conductors hired are Barb Flooding and Brian Cole.

MMEA

Michael Watson talked about the MPR musical instrument donation drive. It may be continued in the future.

Mary Schaeffle, president of MMEA, joined Michael to talk about the need for volunteers who have ideas for informances at the MMEA Conference in February. Also planned for the Conference is a side-by-side concert with Osmo Vanska and the Minnesota Orchestra. There will be two middle level orchestras and one collegiate level as well. Mary said it will be a rich year for string offerings. The collegiate level conductor position is still open.

All-State Orchestra

Michael Watson reported that there was a need for a new tool for judging All-State auditions. A task force was put together made up of former All-State judges and teachers. Michael showed us a rough draft. He is not sure of using this new rubric for next year's audition. The draft is posted at public.me.com/mwatsonmusic. It was discussed to put this website into the MNSOTA journal for private teachers to access.

MNSOTA Directory and Handbook

Faith Farr is putting it together.

2010-2011 Events Overview

Fall Clinic

Sarah Chelgren urged the membership to nominate their colleagues for the following awards: Master Teacher: Studio and School Orchestra, Meritorious Orchestra Program, and Community Service. The nomination deadline is the 3rd week in September. The application form is available on the website and a mail form will be in the handbook. Awards will be presented during the MNSOTA Luncheon on Thursday, October 14 at MacPhail. Annette Caruthers and Faith Farr are the coordinators for this event.

Middle Level Honors Orchestra

Allison Johnson and another person are coordinating this event for Grades 7-9. Audition tapes are due in October. The event takes place in February.

Middle Level Orchestra Festival

This event for Grades 6-9 will take place in February. The four sites will be Hopkins, Woodbury, Monticello, and Virginia. The festival is looking for an outstate teacher to be a host. Susan Scott susan.scott@isd623.org volunteered to be a contact for anyone interested.

All-State Workshop 2011

Next year's workshop will be held once again at College of St. Benedict. There will be a new location for 2012.

Board Nominations

Sarah Chelgren said that the MNSOTA Board is looking for a new president. An outstate candidate can do meetings by conference call. The president's duties are attending four

membership meetings, one event, and being a contact with the national office. Benefits include getting to know lots of people, new ideas, receive a stipend to attend the national convention, and lots of clock hours.

New Eclectic String & Chamber Music Competitions

Cristina Seaborn and Ray Shows did a session on these two new competitions on Thursday, August 5 at this workshop.

Mary West Solo Competition

Competition will take place on October 24 at Augsburg College. The Winner's recital is scheduled for October 31 at Lake Harriet United Methodist Church.

Board Openings

Nominations are open for the board positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Native American Curriculum

Cristina Seaborn is contacting Liz Jakaala, a Native American opera singer, about working on a Native American piece to meet the Department of Education's new standard.

Open Forum/General Discussion

Member Marcia Thoen said that November 2011 will be the 100th anniversary of YPSCA (Young People's Symphony Concert Association), which is a part of the Minnesota Orchestra. Goal is to reach 100 mentors each giving \$150 /class of students.

Mark Gitch announced there is a long-term sub position open in Wayzata for the upcoming school year.

Pepper Music has moved their office to Edina. ‡