

MTAM Meeting

5/16/10 – 1:00 p.m.

Augsburg College

Present: Pete, Elizabeth (by phone), Sarah, Rebecca, Todd, Danielle, Veronica

Absent: Alisa, Bridget, Erin, Melissa

- 1) Pete moved to call the meeting to order; Danielle seconded; motion carried
- 2) Pete moved to approve 3/27/10 minutes and 5/16/10 agenda; Danielle seconded; motion carried
- 3) Officer Reports
 - A. President
 - i. Elizabeth requested that next meeting's agenda include review of the MTAM Constitution and Bylaws, as well as discussion about possible changes necessary to achieve non-profit status. Todd requested copy of current MTAM documents.
 - ii. Noted that we need conference info (finances, attendance) from Veronica to put in a report for Amy Furman
 - B. Vice President
 - i. Danielle reported that our 5-year cycle is up for being a CBMT approved provider of CMTE credits. She will complete necessary paperwork by July deadline.
 - ii. No emails from MTAM members about suggestions for future conferences. Some ideas mentioned at other meetings were multicultural MT, pediatric hospice, percussion skills. Rebecca asked about making our own CBMT needs assessment. Danielle said CBMT is updating this, Pete thought we could make

our own.

C. Secretary

i. Rebecca highlighted areas of interest from the 2009 needs assessment (see additional document). Board noted that guitar skills was an area of interest, as there were several areas that could tie into skills (improvisation, composition, increased repertoire). Board showed interest in offering guitar, piano, wind instruments, percussion, allowing members to choose area of interest. Todd expressed interest in offering a government relations/reimbursement/grant writing workshop.

D. President-Elect

i. Pete noted he needs the stipend check for the recipient, and we are still accepting applications for the 2010 stipend. Sarah will put reminder in next email update, Pete will email internship directors, Erin will include in next newsletter.

E. Public Relations/Website

i. Sarah said she's making email communication more organized, sending emails around the 1st and 15th of each month, depending on how much info is received and whether or not it is time-sensitive. Website will be updated on Tuesdays (or as needed).

ii. Sarah contacted WI chapter since they offer online payment for conferences. They do not use paypal, but have a particular host and program that includes an online store. Our website does not allow for that and currently we'd need to pay \$40/month. Paypal would be a 2.9% + 30cents charge per transaction and we can link to it from our site, but it may not allow us to collect all necessary info (address, email, phone, CBMT#). Sarah plans to redo website in fall and will do further research on adding a store.

F. Government Relations

i. Todd said he's still waiting to hear what is going on in the state of MN and is not sure what to make of the current legislators. Omnibus bill (which MT

was not in) was a concern, but has been thrown out. Todd will keep us and membership updated as he gets alerts. Typically info is not specific to music therapy, but affects clients that MTs serve.

G. Treasurer

i. Veronica reported we had 55 professionals, 2 non-members, 20 students, and 4 grad students at the Spring conference. Income was \$172.56, which would have been more, but we lost money on student attendees (book + lunch was more than \$20/person). Veronica asked for clarification on splitting the speaker fee – Elizabeth said it's split between AMTA and MTAM. MTAM is donating profit to AMTA/NICE (Nat'l Institute for Continuing Ed). Veronica moved to match donation; Pete seconded; motion carried.

ii. Current MTAM account balance is \$12,501.05 – speaker fee is still unpaid.

Veronica noted that moving to electronic communication is saving lots of money.

iii. Current membership: 65 professionals, 24 students

H. New Business

i. Pete suggested we add more members-at-large since Rebecca moved to Secretary position. Rebecca mentioned Katie Schwartz as an interested member. Pete suggested that Amy Furman would be another good addition. Pete moved to ask both people; Sarah seconded; motion carried.

ii. Elizabeth mentioned a student member who requested a free membership this year since last year's membership check had bounced due to several months passing between writing the check and the check being deposited. Board discussed possible timeline for guaranteeing that checks are deposited in a timely manner, discussed adding additional people who could sign for account so not all work falls to Veronica. Pete moved to table this portion; Rebecca seconded; motion carried. Sarah suggested a 6-week deposit schedule following conferences. Todd moved to approve this; Pete seconded; motion carried. Board approved granting free 2010 membership to affected individual.

iii. Veronica showed pens with MTAM logo and suggested providing free pens at conferences since our budget is so good. Veronica moved to give one per conference; Pete seconded; motion carried.

iv. Indian Music Therapy – Rebecca summarized emails that MTAM has received about possible opportunity to offer conference on Indian music therapy. This 2-day training would be \$100 for professionals, \$50 for students. Elizabeth will contact WI chapter president, since they may be considering offering the training, and will follow up with person who emailed. Board discussed possible concerns, including having two high-cost conferences in one year.

v. June meeting – board will be deciding on October conference – meeting set for Monday, June 21st at 5:30pm at University Specialty Center (Good Sam)

vi. Todd requested that we form a task force to take follow-up steps related to PFA training, including contacting first-responder organizations and getting on contact lists for disasters. Danielle expressed interest. Rebecca will ask Sarah to put in next email.

4) Pete moved to adjourn; Danielle seconded; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Soderberg