



# Tantasqua Music Association

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:45 p.m. ~ Lindsay Ewing

### Attendance

#### Board Members:

Lindsay Ewing  
Sue Davey  
Michelle Ewing  
Rom Portwood

#### Staff Attendees:

Rob Raymond

#### TMA Attendees:

Cheryl Reeve  
Jamie Olander  
Jen Jones

Meeting Summary

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer provided a financial update on the current balance of the TMA account, and P&L with statement of all activities related to fundraising revenue, operational expenses and sponsorship/membership revenue. The executive committee approved an \$500 request from the Drama Club to support the Spring play, Almost Maine. There is currently approximately \$4K in outstanding show choir funding requests.

### **Merchandise Update**

Jamie Olander provided an update on the current status.

- We are still work with the vendor, First String
- Two checks currently outstanding for March merchandise orders
- The next opening for new merchandise is May
- There was a recommendation for new apparel choices for summer items
- We had general discussion on how to better promote the site. Suggestions included:
  - Email blast
  - Posting to district web site for Elementary school concerts
  - Promote at Music-a-thon

### **The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 8**

- Tina Anderson will be managing the nomination process and will accept nomination until 6/1. This will be announced on the TMA web-site and via email to the membership. Sitting board members who wish to remain in office will need to submit nomination forms



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## **Scholarship Committee Update**

We will need volunteers, preferably three people with no connection to any of the applicants. Details of this year's submissions:

- We had 11 scholarship requests submitted for 2015/2016
- The board will be open to consideration for extending the amount of funding if deemed appropriate based on qualifications of applicants
- Jen Jones and Cheryl Reeve stepped forward to act as the scholarship review committee
- They committed to getting their recommendations back to the TMA by 5/1
- The TMA will get the news back to the school by 5/13

## **By Laws Update**

The By Laws are under second draft and will be made available for public review.

## **Funding Model Update**

The proposed funding model is under second draft and is being set up to allow for more involvement on the part of the TMA in determining how funds are used and with a forward funding model in place.

## **Step Up to Music, Music-a-thon Update**

From Mary – The event is scheduled for Saturday May 14 at the Jr. High.

- We have lost the sponsorship from Sturbridge Dentistry
- Packets have been handed out to all band and chorus directors to distribute to their kids
- The Dance Clinic during the event is TBD
- Sloan from Pizzeria Uno has volunteered to help out but specifics are still TBD
- There is need for Candy and Soda. We have chips left over from recent events that can be used

## **High School Play Update**

Lindsay met with the plays director and provided the following update for the Spring Play, Almost Maine being presented April 29, 30.

- The executive board approved a \$500 donation from the TMA
- The TMA will be running concessions with coffee/soda/tea and snacks.
- We are looking for volunteers
- The TMA supports closer involvement with the Performing Arts at Tantasqua and helps us expand our scope

## **Sponsorship Update**

Jen Jones provided a high level review and shared a few ideas for looking forward to 2016/2017

- Consider seeking grants
- Auction a good idea, but time needed would be planned for 2018
- Next year focus should be on planning and developing a committee to build out sponsorships



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## **New Business**

Question raised – Will we pursue soccer concessions next year? Tabled but a few comments shared

- The use of volunteer spot helped this year in securing staff
- There is an issue with getting things back & forth to the event
- Should we use a Survey Monkey survey to the membership?

## **Minutes Review**

The minutes from the March Meeting were reviewed and approved with one change to strike the final sentence of the Treasurer's Report paragraph.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.