

SC ASTA Executive Board Meeting
June 6, 2010
3:30 p.m.

Theresa Jenkins-Russ, SC ASTA president, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She welcomed everyone and distributed meeting agendas.

The following board members were in attendance:

Theresa Jenkins-Russ –President, Newsletter Editor
Janice Hutton – President-Elect, Advertisement Chair, Membership Chair
Angela Rex – Secretary, ASTA Convention Advocacy Chair,
Michelle Tate – Violin Choir, Summer Jazz & Fiddle Camp Chair, SC State Basket
Coordinator, & Student Chapter Chair

- Treasurer's Report
 - A bank statement and general balance sheet from December 2009 were submitted by Katie Dey – via mail. More up-to-date records are being collected by Katie Dey.

- Officer's Report:
 - Newsletter: There is a continued push for more advertising and consistent sponsors for the newsletter. TJR would like to have 2-3 new advertisers by the end of July for the August newsletter. Suggestions were made by the board to try more local music stores and other music supply distributors. JH will try to contact Pecknel music in Greenville to see if they will purchase an ad.

 - New Members Incentives (Janice & TJR)
 - Free music will be given away to the first 15 SC ASTA members who participate in the Reading Session in September (at the SCMEA meeting in Irmo). SC ASTA members will sign-in before the reading session and will get to choose which piece they would like to have. SC ASTA will then buy the music and send it to them.
 - At the SC ASTA Conference in October, three pieces will be given away during a drawing at the Alternative Styles Reading session.
 - Paid Registration for Active Board Members to attend Convention (TJR)
 - TJR is interested in helping to alleviate some of the cost for SC ASTA Active Board Members to attend the National Conventions. An increase in advertising revenue can help to offset this cost.

- SC ASTA Conference
 - Will be held on Saturday, October 23rd at the Spartanburg Marriot at Renaissance Park. Time tentatively – 9:00 am -6:00 pm.
 - Registration fees: SC ASTA Members
 - \$65 (early reg – date 9/27/10 or before)
 - \$80 (late &/or on-site reg)
 - Registration fees for non-SC ASTA members
 - \$85 (early reg – date 9/27/10 or before)
 - \$120 (late &/or on-site reg)
 - Student SC ASTA members - \$50 Early-Bird registration fee
\$70 After 9/28/10 up to on-site

- Registration fee gets you access to all of the Conference exhibits and sessions, earns you 8 hours of inservice/recertification points and a certificate of participation.
 - Rooms are being reserved for the Friday night before for any SC ASTA members coming from the lower part of the state.
 - Session speakers include: Mary Wagner, Gail Barnes, Kenneth Law, Bob Jesselsohn, Michael Allen and Kurt Moss. Other speakers TBA.
 - Plaques will be presented to each speaker/presenter. JH will preside over each session.
- SC ASTA Workshops: 2010-2011
 - Cello Choir is being hosted by Kenneth Law at Converse College, on September 24th & 25th. The main clinician will be from NCSOA.
 - Violin Choir created much discussion. The spring calendar is so full and in an effort to keep away from winter weather, a proposal to move it to the fall was made (MT). A tentative date of Saturday, October 9th was proposed.
 - Alteration of the registration form is a MUST – in order to have a clearer picture of students playing (and music reading) abilities. (MT)
 - Adding Violas was proposed (TJR & JH)
 - Charge for the event will change: \$18 for kids w/teachers who are SC ASTA members; \$25 for non-SC ASTA members & their students.
 - Guest clinicians discussed: Martin Norgaard (violin), Constance Gee (viola), Besty Fee or Kathryn McClean (young Suzuki age kids)
 - Site proposals – Converse College or Hillcrest High School (Simpsonville, SC). Other location suggestions welcome – a large stage to perform on is a must!
- Summer Jazz & Fiddle Camp – 2011 (TJR & MT)
 - Held at Converse College (TBA)
 - Matt Glaser, from Berklee College of Music as Jazz Clinician (TJR)
 - Suggestions for other Clinicians – Kristin Miesbauer, Celtic & Irish Fiddling (AR), Bluegrass fiddlers? (AR will look up)
 - Camp will be low-key with two sessions for style and for ability levels.
 - Insurance for liability for those staying on campus.
 - This will primarily be a day camp, Monday-Friday, with a concert on Friday evening.

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- Article Submissions (TJR)
 - Theresa asked that we all consider writing articles for the July newsletter. Submissions are due 6/15. Suggestions were made for an article to be written on good quality Grade 5 literature for strings and effective recruiting. AR said she would write the recruiting article.
- State Basket for Convention (MT)
 - Michelle has taken over the State Basket for the Convention. She asked for suggestions for what to include in the basket and the best way to transport to Kansas City. Non-Perishable native SC items were suggested. Also, shipping the basket ahead to the Convention was also advised.
- Solo Competition (TJR for Constance Gee)
 - Information on the Solo Competition was vague. It was assumed that the CD's had to be submitted by April and should be in the judging process. The top three performances will be submitted to the National ASTA selection committee. Further information to be provided by Constance.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Rex