

BAMTA Board Meeting 2/3/21

- Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am
- Present: Amy Watt, Jill Ice, Amy Briggs, Carolyn Meyer, Steph Fairbanks
- We briefly discussed Zoom recitals and techniques for getting them to flow smoothly
- Minutes were read and approved
- Treasurer report from Jill: Checking account is presently at \$12,069.06, and savings account at \$6318.68. MPF registration raised \$4885, Go Fund Me raised \$1617.36 after PayPal's deductions. Total MPF earnings were \$6602.36. We discussed payment for Carol and sound engineers (see below). There were 200+ students and even more videos, 20 different pieces, adjustments to sound, etc...basically a huge undertaking. Vaquero was able to get the video played on Longmont TV. We need to keep at least \$2K for scholarships and a bit more for expenses (Edmund's fees). Proposed: \$2K for Vaquero and \$250 for Douglas Chatfield (assistant engineer). We will check with Maria and Carol to make sure we are in the ballpark for what sound engineers should be paid. All voted in favor.
- Scholarships: we have \$2000 budgeted. For now we will keep it at this number, and will consider raising that amount as we have more in our funds.
- Steph presented on what she's planning to talk about at the next meeting. Steph teaches in the Let's Play Music program, and will present on this next time. Let's Play Music is a 3-year program of group lessons where kids start young, around 4-6 years old. It teaches them rhythm, complex rhythms, moving to rhythms, speaking, etc. Piano is added in the 2nd year. Instruments in the first year include bells and autoharp. They learn I IV V chord progressions immediately and can accompany themselves. Steph needs piano teachers to pass her students on to. Steph has engaged Symone from LPM training team to speak to us next week. LPM trains students to become musicians, not necessarily pianists...they are prepared to choose any instrument.
- Membership and directory: Shieko is membership chair. She checks MTNA website once a month. Jill as treasurer gets paper copy of all members (new, renewing, reinstating, etc.). We discussed what we are doing to welcome new members. It was decided that Amy Watt will send welcome emails to new members, and invite them to the BAMTA presentation on the 17th. We can also welcome new members in the newsletter.
- There are a few former members that have passed in recent months. We discussed mentioning their names in the newsletter. Carolyn will do a write up.
- Meeting was adjourned at 10:00am.