



New England Music Festival Association
Executive Board Meeting
Saturday June 5, 2021 10:00am
Hampton Inn and Zoom
1378 Putney Rd, Brattleboro, VT 05301

1. Call to Order: 10:07am
2. Roll Call: Marj Roone, Steffen Parker, **Sal Ciccarello, Lyvie Beyrent, Eddie Wilkins**, Thom Reynolds, Bill Sittard, Paul Pierce, **Pam Rodgers**, John Kuhner, Rob Gattie, and John Deeb (**BOLD** denotes attended via Zoom).
3. Association Member Comments – Welcome to new Board Members
4. Minutes March 2021 – Lyvie Beyrent – EB Thom makes a motion to accept, second by Steffen, all in favor, motion passes and General Google docs. Steffen makes a motion, Thom seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
5. Board Member Reports:
 - a. Executive Secretary/Treasurer – Bill Sittard - \$16,600.75 (not sure I heard this correct?). Investments are \$71,779.81 but as of today it is \$72,078.92. Question on how that is compared to previous years. Steffen makes a motion to accept, John seconds, all in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Past President – Sal Cicciarella - Thanked the association for doing a hybrid in-person and Zoom meeting.
 - c. Bulletin – Tom Reynolds - Deadline for material is a week from today, hope to send out shortly after.
 - d. Website – Tom Reynolds & Steffen Parker - Nothing new.
 - e. Solo & Ensemble Festival – Steffen Parker & Rob Gattie
 1. On-line Solo and Ensemble & On-Site Solo & Ensemble - About the numbers we expected, lots of accolades thanking us for it. Would like to go back to in-person, but for those who have a true conflict could submit a video the day of their festival. Not extend

past the southern date. Discussion on logistics of making that work. Hartford isn't hosting VT All State auditions in Jan, so probably won't do Northern S&E. Thom suggests offering video options to new schools, as a lot of programs aren't doing well in MA currently. Steffen makes a motion to reestablish the in-person auditions and for those with extreme circumstances to do video submission to be due the night before Northern Festival. John seconds. All in favor, motion passes.

- f. Member Services – John Kuhner – home stays - Nothing new.
- g. Librarian – Frank Whitcomb last year's music situation - Not present
- h. Chorus Manager – Eddie Wilkins - Vote on program for chorus.
Alleluia by Elaine Hagenberg. Awake the Trumpets Lofty Sound by Handel. Wandrers Nachlied by Blake Wilson. Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel by Ryan Main. What Happenes When a Woman by Alendra Olsavsky. How Can I Cry? by Moira Smiley. Sal makes a motion to accept the program as written. Pam seconds. Question about voicing on the SAAT version of How Can I Cry? This is the better arrangement. No instrumental needs. Call to vote. All in favor, motion passes. Eddie accepted a job in MA and is able to continue as manager, but would like to have Elyse Wadworths take his place in March for the festival.
- i. Orchestra Manager – Paul Pierce - Recap of voted on program back in March.
- j. Band Manager – Anthony Pandolfe (absent – report sent) - Dr. Westgate, same program proposed in 2021 (already been voted on), three pieces. Putting together a list of conductors for 2024 and 2025 to be voted on at another time.
- k. President Elect – John Deeb – Festival Host concerns and options - Housing concerns, looked into hotel possibilities. Discussion on half in host homes and other half in hotel and cost. Discussion on how Covid has affected things, how kids behave in host families vs. hotels, how teachers have free time, etc. Motion by Steffen to go with a hotel for housing, but host school for everything else for the 2022 festival. Seconded by Thom. Call to question. All in favor. Notify the membership of change. Have money from the 2020 festival that never happened to help offset students who might need scholarships for the 2022 festival and increased cost.

6. President's Report – Marjorie Roon

- a. 2022 Concert Festival Louis S. Mills High School, 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013 (letter)

- b. Social Media - We need a new person.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Conferences and Publications – Are Conferences happening? - Tabled
- b. Constant Contact - Notice about hotel for 2022 festival.

8. New Business

- a. Future meetings – Zoom/In person - Discussion on pros and cons and possibly Sept meeting being Zoom since we have seen host school before.
- b. Future Ideas? -
- c. Snow date elimination with on-line S & E?

9. Other Business - None

10. Future Dates

- a. Saturday, September 11, 2021 10:00am, 24 Lyon Road, Burlington, CT 06013
- b. Saturday December 4, 2021 S & E Festival – North
- c. Friday, December 10, 2021 Executive Board Meeting – South Griswold, CT
- d. Saturday December 11, 2021 S & E Festival – South
- e. Saturday December 18, 2021 S & E Festival – **Snow Date?**
- f. 2022 Concert Festival- Louis Mills March 17-19, 2021.

11. NEMFA Executive Board Comments - None

12. Adjournment - Steffen makes a motion to adjourn at 11:53, John seconds, all in favor.

Future Concert Dates

2022 – March 17-19 Louis Mills HS, Burlington CT

2023 – March 16-18

2024 – March 21 – 23 (3rd Thursday)

Respectfully submitted by Lyvie Beyrent, Recording Secretary