

**General meeting September 19, 2015**  
**Dobson high school Mesa, AZ**

Called to order at 11:03 am

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Approval of minutes from the previous meeting- not present
- IV. Reports
  - a. Introduction of new and present/continuing officers/board
  - b. Mission statement- We enrich lives through the joy of teaching and playing string instruments. AZ asta provides educational enrichment for...get from website.
  - c. Growth and initiatives- Jonathan – ASTA is starting a rewards program to add incentive to members and new members who attend activities.
    - Southwest Strings is offering discounts to ASTA members. SWS is offering prizes for solo competition winners.
    - Partners: ASU School of Music offering discounts to music school events- show ASTA member card.
    - Musical Instrument Museum exhibit January-May Stradivarius Origins and Legacy provide benefits to members. ASTA will add more partners as we continue.
  - d. Harmony Hayes- Southwest Strings- wants to be connected with the string teaching community. Online portal for ASTA members who create an account and link their membership number to receive a discount from SWS. The discounted website will show up immediately on the website. Harmony will be available during lunchtime to link accounts to ASTA numbers.
  - e. John Haggard- Solo Competition- Deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>- Event October 24<sup>th</sup>, location TBD. The concert will be the same night, 6pm. Southwest strings provided the prizes. Prizes: 1 juniors \$150, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100, 3<sup>rd</sup> 75. Seniors, 1<sup>st</sup> 300, 2<sup>nd</sup> 200, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100. Southwest Strings 1<sup>st</sup> place- choice of coda bow or eclipse case (carbon fiber). 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$100 gift card, 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$75 gift card. Honorable mention- two in each category: \$25 gift card. Pencils, rosin, cleaning cloth for each person. \$50 entrance fee. Junior up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Senior, 9-12 grade.
  - f. Treasurers Report
  - g. Upcoming Events
    - i. Solo Competition
    - ii. Virtuoso Violas October 24
    - iii. ASU Bass Jam and Cellobration
    - iv. Fiddle Fest December 12
    - v. Jan 29<sup>th</sup> AMEA reception at the Mesa Marriot, one person at the reception will win registration for the National ASTA conference.
    - vi. ASTACAP in Spring, more information on the website, revised handbook on ASTA website
  - h. Nominations for Outstanding Studio Teacher- form on ASTA website- email Ted who, where, when, and why. The board will vote in January.
  - i. Nominations for secretary- nominations due on website
  - j. Nominations for President Elect- nominations due on website

- k. Recruiting- The national goal: is 500 new members. AZ ASTA had 181 last year and 235 this year. Give magnet and membership applications to colleagues to join.
- l. Member announcements- Patricia Cosan- violin and viola teacher- pedagogy workshop, Paul Rolland at ASU in June 6-10. Open to teachers and “mature students”.
- m. Doris is giving away one book per person at the end of today’s workshop.
- n. AZ Suzuki, Fall Workshop- October 24<sup>th</sup>, teacher workshop 4-7 Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Liz Arbis. Bow Distribution Building the lineage of technique. Violin specific but all welcome.
- o. Suzuki- Every Child Can- all instruments are welcome. Philosophy of Suzuki January 17<sup>th</sup>, Phoenix, NAU North Phoenix, Campus.
- p. Chaparral Suzuki Academy, summer in Prescott AZ Yavapai College, June 8-11, violin, viola, and piano students welcome. Azsuzuki.org to register and find more information.
- q. Katie Shields- Chaparral- open to string, wind, and pianists. Scholarships available. Participation certificate. Prescott. Looking for student interns- college age. Chaparral Suzuki Academy. Camp for students.
- r. Yuma area looking for studio teachers. Put the word out for teachers looking for students.

New Business:

National Conference- March 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, in Tampa Bay, Florida.

Meeting adjourned at 11:43am.