

**Chautauqua County Music Teachers Association
Scholarship Audition Night meeting
April 6, 2005**

President Helen Ihasz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at Dunkirk High School. Ten members were present, along with several guests.

I. Musical Journeys - Dr. Karl Boelter and Mark Levy

Dr. Boelter and Mark Levy attended the meeting to provide information and answer questions about the Musical Journeys program at SUNY Fredonia. They provided a handout which explained the different parts of the program. There are currently a small number of students taking lessons. It is their hope to also add a New Horizons band program for "chronologically gifted" adults to learn to play an instrument and enjoy playing with others. They will be providing a brochure, press release and future website to disseminate information for next fall's program.

II. Financial Report

Jack Sternisha provided a comprehensive financial report for the past year, with comparisons to 2003 and 2004. The report included the final numbers for this year's banquet, solo festival, winter festival, dues, and administrative costs.

III. Banquet Report

Nicole Zenns has secured Webb's Captain's Table for our banquet next October 12th. Dr. Charles Stoddart is our guest speaker. Dr. Stoddart currently serves on the NYSSMA board and teaches courses in Educational Administration at SUNY Fredonia. He recently retired from the position of superintendent at Orchard Park Central Schools. He is very excited to spend the evening with us again, having spoken at our banquet 10 years ago.

IV. Festival Report

All music is out for the June Festival

Chautauqua Lake may not be able to host the Winter Festival next year because of their musical. We are trying to remedy this if possible. Discussed possibility of alternating some of the smaller groups on the Winter Festival. Ballot for membership vote on this will be presented at the porch meeting on June 4.

V. NYSSMA Albany Day

Shawn Huestis attended this year and provided a report. The report can be seen on the CCMTA website.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. New procedure - all chairperson notebooks will go to Jack Sternisha, Executive Administrator. All books from the Winter Festival should be sent to him immediately.

b. Next year's calendar will again be a major challenge because of all the different vacation schedules.

c. Helen is looking for volunteers for chairing groups next year and for filling various offices. Anyone interested should contact Helen, and those currently filling offices should let her know if they intend to continue.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen M. Ihasz
President