

ECMMA General Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 25, 2018

2:36 – 3:13 pm

SUNY Buffalo State, Buffalo, NY

- I. Meeting called to order 2:36 pm by Diana Greene with approximately 40 people present. Minutes taken by Secretary, H. Ellie Falter
- II. Diana Green dispensed with Parliamentarian, no objection.
- III. Jennie Mulqueen taught and led us in the song, "What a Beautiful Day!"
- IV. **Minutes from General Meeting 6/27/16**

Diana Greene dispensed with reading the minutes from the last general membership meeting held June 27, 2016. Diana asked for any corrections to the minutes. No corrections were raised. Since the minutes have been posted on the website for two years, were available in print format at the meeting, and there were no corrections, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.
- V. **Treasurer's Report**
 - A. *Total Amount in checking account:* \$15,487.59
Total Amount in Money Market: \$9,091.41
Income: \$27,045.49, (membership, \$12,480.00)
 - B. Christina Svec commented on the general state of finances. During the previous convention, expenses and low attendance caused the organization to dip into the money market. At that time, Christina made the request to focus on being fiscally conservative and growing ECMMA membership. After the convention this year, some money will be leftover that will be allocated to development projects including the ECMMA website. Christina shared that she believes the organization is entering a period of financial stability, but that our goal should be to continue to grow. She requested members continue to: spread the word about the wonderful members, teaching, research, and music making that happens within our organization; host workshops; attend conferences; and keep teaching young children music. Should someone have questions about ECMMA's finances, Christina requests you contact her.
- VI. Remembrance for Lynn Codier, board member 2010-2018, who passed away this year. Jan Vidruk challenged membership to, in Lynn's memory, support research and a strong ECMMA to encourage ongoing professional development as we continue to learn more about young children and music.

Diana Greene shared that members can support the following organizations in Lynn's honor: MitoAction.org or UMDf.orf
- VII. **President's Report**

Diana Greene shared how the membership inspired her as they work to improve the lives of children and families through music and movement. She described the history, growth, and uniqueness of ECMMA. She summarized her term as President: organizing her work around the four pillars of the organization's mission; addressing the challenge of sustainability of the organization by focusing on the journal and convention because these were identified via a survey as important by membership; and supporting the

board and staff in increasing the professionalism with which they approach their work. Diana considered the purpose of ECMMA, and the importance of the organization's continued existence. She recommended a paradigm shift toward viewing ECMMA as a service and advocacy organization before closing with the poem, "To Be of Use," by Marge Piercy.

VIII. **Recognition of 2016-2018 Board and Staff**

Diana Greene recognized the 2016-2018 Board members and staff:

A. Board

- Jennie Mulqueen, Past President
- Amy Rucker, President Elect
- H. Ellie Falter, Secretary
- Christina Svec, Treasurer
- Diana Dansereau, VP Editorial
- Erika Cincotta, VP Membership
- Anne Smith, VP Finance & Fundraising
- Kerry Renzoni, VP Convention Program
- Elisabeth Etopio, VP Convention Site (unable to be present)
- Arielle Richter, VP Social Media (unable to be present)

B. Staff (able to be present)

- Torie Stratton, Office Administrator
- Heather Waters, Managing Director

IX. **Recognition of 2018-2020 Board and Staff**

Amy Rucker presented the 2018-2020 Board

- Su D'Ambrosio, President Elect/ VP Development
- H. Ellie Falter, Secretary
- Christina Svec, Treasurer
- Mara Culp, VP Convention Programming
- Karen Salvador, VP Convention Site
- Diana Dansereau, VP Director of Publications
- Erika Cincotta, VP Membership
- Ruthie Miltenberger, VP Social Media
- Kerry B. Renzoni, VP Professional Advancement

X. Amy Rucker, new President, made closing remarks.

A. There was no new business.

B. Kerry Renzoni made announcements regarding 2018 Convention logistics.

C. Amy Rucker thanked Diana Greene as a friend, colleague, and mentor, and for her work for ECMMA. She shared her personal history to demonstrate her long-standing experience and appreciation of high-quality early childhood music experiences and education. She thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve in supporting early childhood music through this organization.

XI. There being no new business, Karen Salvador moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Ellie Falter