

**Minutes from Monteux Associates Meeting**  
**Friday, June 2, 2023**  
**Hybrid – Tamarack and Zoom – 5:00**

There were introductions and the minutes from the August 2022 meeting were approved. Don't forget to update your roster containing contact information since there have been some changes. The archives can now be assessed by a search button on the website. Check it out!!

A new behavior and reporting policy is being developed by the Board and will be sent out to be signed when it is approved. Last year the Associates logged 1181 volunteer hours and drove 3500 miles. Stan uses these figures when applying for grants so start keeping track of them now. Stan wrote up an Economic Impact Study which will be sent out to the Associates.

Each family group in the Associates (i.e. a couple or a single person) may invite 2 guests to attend at no cost during the first 3 weeks of the season. To obtain these complementary tickets, email either Stan ([info@monteuxmusic.org](mailto:info@monteuxmusic.org)) or Mary ([moniturner43@gmail.com](mailto:moniturner43@gmail.com)) with the name and contact information of the recipient(s) and the date they wish to attend. Actual tickets will not be sent out but their names will be entered into the seating chart.

The Wednesday concerts will be different this year. There are instrumental coaches coming to lead Master Classes for students and for the first three weeks in July these coaches will perform with students. There will also be a conducted piece every Wednesday. Spread the word to all your friends about these changes as we want to increase the attendance for these great concerts.

Each week a different candidate for the Maestro position will be in charge of doing all the instruction of the students plus they will conduct a piece at the Sunday concert. There will be no Pops concert this year since we want to give each candidate an equal opportunity. Instead there will be a Pops number played at every concert. The order of the candidates is :

- Week 1 – Tiffany Lu
- Week 2 – Arthur Fagen
- Week 3 – Julius Williams
- Week 4 – Hugh Wolff
- Week 5 – Kenneth Kiesler
- Week 6 – Markland Thaker

The campus work day will be on Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. Although the facilities have been totally cleaned, there are still things that need to be done. Bill McArtor is organizing the work day and he would appreciate your help so please come if you can.

Doug is arranging the pick ups at the airport and bus station so please let him know if you can participate. Texting works better than emails when communicating with the students.

An important event is the Welcome Supper on the Monday after the students have arrived. This is when the students have a chance to meet each other for perhaps the first time. We have simplified this event by ordering lots of pizzas and asking Associates to contribute salads, desserts, and drinks. Lorraine will help but we really need someone to volunteer to coordinate this event. That would mean soliciting people to bring the food and help with the setup. We do not stay and eat. The students have their first rehearsal immediately following the supper. **If you would be willing to organize this event please let Doug or Mary know.** The free children's concert will be on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30. Stan is sending out many flyers to advertise this concert and it's working. A lot of tickets have already been reserved online.

Mary Vauthy has already organized the sectional dinners, even as she was preparing and recovering from hip surgery. She will send out information to the hosts. This is a really great way for those students in a each section to get to know each other. Often they live in different facilities and of course can't really talk during rehearsals. We really appreciate your doing this, Mary.

Stan is urging Associates to attend rehearsals whenever you can. There are several reasons for this. He would like to have audience members when the candidates are teaching so the selection committee can get feedback. See -- we are important. Also, it is very interesting to watch a rehearsal

and witness the teaching process that goes on. If you can't hear what is being said it is permissible to go back stage and listen at the doors. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

Tuesday: 9:00 – 12:30 and 7:00 – 10:00  
Wednesday: 9:00 -- 12:30  
Thursday: 9:00 – 12:30  
Friday: 9:00 – 12:30 and 7:00 – 10:00  
Saturday: 9:00 – 12:30 This is the dress rehearsal.

We always could use more bicycles. Perhaps a place to check would be Facebook Marketplace if anyone uses that site. Keep your eyes open at yard sales or maybe even Craig's list. We talked about the safety issues in riding a bike along Route 1. We could put reflectors on the bikes. Also, the students should be advised to wear light colored clothing, especially at night. Stan is ordering bike racks so the bicycles will not just be left anywhere.

Every year there are a few students who get left out of activities such as trips to Bar Harbor because they are too timid to ask others to include them. What we are going to try and do this year is to come up with a list of people who would like to have opportunities to spend time with students in their off hours. Mary will send out a separate email explaining this situation and when we do have a list of volunteers Stan and others can use this resource to call upon someone if there is a student request. Hopefully someone in each housing unit will be able to identify those students who would profit by some extra attention.

This will be a very exciting year as a new Maestro is being chosen.

Mary Turner  
Secretary