

Minutes from Monteux Associates Meeting
Monday, August 5, 2024
Tamarack Place and via Zoom – 4:30

Doug called the meeting to order. Welcome to our newest member, Alison Boden. Alison has been coming to the Monteux concerts for many years but she just recently retired and moved to Hancock as a year round resident. The minutes from June's meeting were approved.

Volunteer Hours: If you haven't yet turned in your volunteer hours please make sure that Joann receives them promptly as they are needed when applying for grants.

Archives: All recent documents have been added to the archives. Doug reports that it has a very powerful searching tool. All you need to do is type in a word or words – for example "2024" or "the last time Beethoven's Fifth Symphony was performed". There is a lot of interesting information right at your fingertips.

Current Needs: Bill, Phil and Jeff Hill will do a walk around the campus to determine priorities and time requirements. For sure the steps to the cabins need to be replaced plus some other fairly major repair projects. We discussed how it would be beneficial if some of this work could be done in the Fall. Major repairs are the responsibility of the Trustees, not the Associates, and Joann can convey our concerns to the Board.

Work Day: Bill has agreed to continue overseeing the organization of the Work Day. He expressed a need for more gardeners, which led to a discussion about doing something in the Fall for whatever could be done then. Mary Vauthy, Trudi, and Dianne will organize a group of volunteers to do this.

Bicycles: Mike reports that we now have enough bikes and he is working on a plan to hang them from the rafters in the Barn during the off season. Thanks to both Mike and Jane for their hard work in getting the bicycles ready for the students.

Activities and Enrichment for Students: Kyle Ritenauer will be the contact person for any events/activities concerning students. His email address is k.ritenauer@gmail.com. This year he set up a closed Facebook page where information was posted offering opportunities to hike, play disc golf, etc., so if you wish to participate in any activities involving students please let Kyle know and he will pass on the information. The Vauthys had several "parties" at their house, including one for the entire orchestra and many other Associates spent numerous hours with our students. The students have all day Monday off and Thursday afternoons and evenings. The tennis court on Hancock Point is available on Mondays and there is also a court in Sullivan.

Children's Concert: The children's concert was a great success. The Hall was packed and the audience loved it. Ed and Lorraine generously supplied a lunch for the students afterwards with wraps and finger sandwiches. Thank you so much Ed and Lorraine.

Welcome Supper: The Welcome Supper went very well and all the students had plenty to eat. Thank you Dianne and Trudi for organizing that event. For those of you bringing food, it is better to use disposable containers or something you don't really value. Be sure and put your name on any plates or bowls you want returned. Tiffany and Kyle may have different ideas of how they want the season to start for the students so we will hold off on making any decisions until the June meeting.

Sectional Dinners: These dinners continue to be well received by both the students and the hosts. It is a great opportunity for the students in a section to get to really know each other and it seemed that some of the performing groups on the Wednesday concerts reflected this camaraderie. The difficulty that hosts have with these dinners is that meal planning and shopping cannot be done until any dietary restrictions are known and typically this doesn't happen until Thursday or Friday, which leaves little time for meal planning. In 2025 we will try and obtain this information within the first couple of days after the students arrive. Again, Kyle is the person who will be in charge of this so he is the one to contact if you have any concerns. Mary Vauthy is an expert at organizing these dinners and had everything well in hand. Thanks, Mary.

Student Arrivals and Departures: Everything well quite smoothly this year. The number of students who have early morning flights seems to be increasing and those of us who can drive in the dark is decreasing, so if the flight information can be obtained soon enough and there are a large number of student leaving early we might consider hiring a van and taking all of them at once. Thanks to Doug, Lorraine, and Peggy for scheduling this travel info.

Misc: Thanks to Bill for setting up the Clynk system for returnables. Bill doesn't get enough credit for all that he does around the School. He is always "Johnny on the Spot" and spends a lot of time doing little things that go unnoticed. We do appreciate you, Bill.

Loaves and Fishes can take unopened food. When the students leave at the end of the festival all food needs to be removed from the living facilities so that is an option to tossing it in the trash.

Most students prefer texting to emailing.

Mary Turner
Secretary