

Minutes From Monteux Associates Meeting
June 6, 2025
4:30 at Tamarack Place and on Zoom

We welcome our newest member, Kathy Hughes and we are sure that she will enjoy her participation with the students. There were a few minor corrections to the address information on the roster. This document will be sent to all members. The minutes of the August 2024 meeting were approved.

Joann's Report: The Behavior and Reporting Policy needs to be signed by everyone connected with the School but not every year. Once it is on file that is sufficient. However, I will send out a copy so that you can remind yourselves of what it says. I will also send a copy of the form to keep track of your volunteer hours and donations in kind. As a group the Associates put in many hours and drove many miles for the students last year. This information is very helpful to Stan when he is applying for grants. It is much easier to keep track as you go along rather than wait until the end of the year to try and remember everything that you did. Every Associate can invite 2 guests to concerts. These complementary tickets are good for any Wednesday concert and the first two Sunday concerts. Please email Stan (info@monteuxmusic.org) with the person's name, address, email, phone number, and the date of the concert. Stan will then reserve a seat for the appropriate date.

Stan's Report: Concert subscriptions are up from 56% last year to 67% this year – a very good trend. It would be useful to let Stan know if you will be unable to attend on specific dates. If you have friends you want to use your tickets let him know that also. Otherwise we will resell them. There are amazing guest musicians including Ludovic Morlot and there will be an open rehearsal or two – date(s) to be announced. A new attractive and visible sign has been installed by Route 1 that will help with School recognition. A washer and dryer have been installed in the Barn as previously laundry facilities on that part of the campus were very limited. Students can also take laundry to Tamarack where there will only be five students this year. The School now has a car for use by the Orchestra Assistants.

Campus Work Day: The work day will be on Tuesday, June 10th, 9:00 at Devenish. Bill McArtor is organizing this event as we prepare for the student arrivals. If you haven't already done so let Bill know if you can attend and assist. (mcartor_william@yahoo.com). The School has a professional cleaner so what mainly needs to be done is to distribute paper supplies and make sure that all the beds have blankets and pillows. The air conditioning units will be installed by the OAs. Seaside Landscaping will do some gardening around the Hall but there are a few other areas that could use some weed pulling. Mary Vauthy and Dianne will take care of the Memorial Garden on a different date. Mike Summerer already has repaired any bicycles that needed it so all that remains to be done on June 10th is to check the air in the tires. The bikes were suspended from the ceiling of the Barn shed during the Winter.

Student Activities: Often Associates enjoy having additional time with the students when they are not rehearsing, which is normally all day on Mondays and Thursday afternoons. The best way to facilitate this is to email Kyle Ritenauer, the Associate Director, at k.ritenauer@gmail.com. He will make announcements every morning to the orchestra and can also post notices on the bulletin board. Examples of activities might include sight seeing trips, lunch out or at your house, grocery shopping, etc. The Vauthys enjoy hosting a meal for the entire orchestra at their house!! This year it will be on Monday, July 21st. If any students appear to be experiencing emotional difficulties Doug and Gianna have offered their services for counseling.

Student Arrivals and Departures: Doug is organizing the pickup schedule and he says he has plenty of drivers. Lorraine has again volunteered to handle the departures. There are quite a few students bringing their own car this year, which means less airport pickups and more parking issues at the dorms.

Welcome Supper: Dianne Eckhardt is managing the Welcome Supper this year – Monday, June 16th -- and she has everything well in hand. Many people have signed up to bring salads and desserts and Tideway will be furnishing the pizza. Please bring your food to the Hall at 4:00 and use throw away containers and utensils. Even if you put your name on your dishes it can be hard to track them down afterwards. Normally Trudi Allcott assists with this event but unfortunately she is unable to be here in June. We're thinking of you Trudi.

Sectional Dinners: Mary Vauthy has organized this event with her usual expertise. Providing an opportunity for the musicians to spend an evening with other members of their section offers a great bonding experience. For all the hosts, a representative of each section should correspond with you by Wednesday, the 18th, to let you know about any pet or food allergies. If you don't hear by then contact Kyle. It's hard to plan a menu ahead of time if you don't know about food restrictions. Also, if you are serving alcohol make sure there is a designated driver and that you are not serving to anyone underage. If there were to be an incident as the result of underage drinking you would be liable.

Simpson House: The really big news this year is the purchase of the Simpson House, a very old wonderful house in Sullivan. This house is not for student housing but is for Tiffany and visiting guest musicians. Jill and Gary Gatcomb-Grant purchased this house last summer, restored it to its original glory, and sold it to the Monteux School. Although the house itself is in good condition it did need to be furnished. Many thanks to those of you who have already contributed items. We could still use some side tables, bureaus, lamp tables, and rugs. If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Joann (joannkwilliams@yahoo.com) or Charlotte (cqdraper5@gmail.com). Charlotte and Joann have been working tirelessly to prepare this new addition for the season. Many thanks to everyone who has helped. Many of you would probably like to see the inside of this house so Stan will try to arrange a time to visit. The parking there is quite limited so don't all arrive at the same time, plus it is not safe to turn left onto Route 1 from that driveway.

To end with a sad note, Frank Graham died on May 25th at his home in Milbridge. He recently turned 100 years old. Frank was a loyal supporter of the Monteux School for many years and had just purchased season tickets for 2025.

Enjoy the concerts and the students.

Mary