

End of Season Meeting
of The Monteux Associates
August 7, 2014

Our new chairman, Doug Kimmel, opened the meeting. He was happy to have so many associates in attendance (24). He then told us of his discussions with Ralph Johnston and Peggy Karns some years ago about the possibility of forming a group of interested concert-goers who might be enthusiastic about helping out at the school in ways that would benefit the students and encourage a camaraderie amongst them.

That was the beginning and the Associates became a reality. Much of the planning and guidance in the early years were in the capable hands of Allan Benson, Nancy Hill and the Drapers (George and Charlotte). They have been wonderful in their work for the school and their inspiring of others to join the Associates. We now have 40 members! Today we happily welcomed two new couples: Charles and JoAnn Wiggins and Larry and Cathy Bost.

Bill McArtor, a former student at the school, told us of his hiking expedition with 18 young musicians in Acadia, culminating in a visit to the Jordan Pond House (yummy!) He raised the possibility of a joint concert with the Mt. Desert summer Chorale, perhaps next season.

Now to our 2014 season: On Sunday, June 15, many of us drove to Bangor to meet the young musicians arriving by bus and plane. Once in Hancock they moved into their lodgings. I must mention that those who were to reside on campus would be experiencing greater comfort in their surroundings. A lot of hard work has, in the Barn especially, been done to enhance the campus lodgings both physically and aesthetically. Thank you George Draper and team(s)! Thanks also to Nadine Murphy for the local information, mostly electronic resources this time.

The welcome dinner on June 16, as usual a great success, was organized by Lorraine Gawronski and Charlotte Draper. Thank you to the many members who brought wonderful food.

On June 21st we had our sectional dinners at various members' homes (or, in some cases, in restaurants). The students really enjoyed getting to know one another (and us). I have gotten great feedback from many young musicians about this event. Allan Benson organized these dinners and agreed to do so again next year. These flexible assignments are made after the Orchestra Assistants arrive and the Associates Leadership reviews with them the programs we present during the season. Then when a student list has been obtained, the Associate Hosts are signed up at the first meeting of the Associates in June.

We noted that the Sunday and Wednesday concerts which were well attended and greatly enjoyed.

On July 7th we provided a breakfast buffet at 8:00, before the 10:00 children's concert. The breakfast was organized by Sandy Quine and Nancy Hill. Again members' contributions were much appreciated. The concert was well attended and it was great fun to watch the excitement of the children and to see the young folks who won the raffle make their conducting debut.

Lorraine Garonsky threw a successful pizza lunch on August 12th. There were gluten-free pies available.

After the July 20th memorial concert a reception was held. It was organized by the trustees and several Associates helped out. Serving only wine and cookies freed up space for greater social interaction this year.

On Saturday, July 26th, we enjoyed a potluck dinner and "roast" at the Forest Studio. Trustees, Associates and students provided the food.

The final concert (Pops) on July 27th was sold out (SRO) and very much enjoyed.

Monday, July 28th, was "RETURN-STUDENTS-TO-BANGOR-DAY" and, of course, there was much to talk about on this trip. All of the drivers are greatly appreciated, especially since many had to drive to the airport in time for 8 AM flights this year.

We'll be receiving information from Joann Williams (our liaison with the trustees) as to how we can enter our hours of donated time and other services. This will help with grant applications.

It is time to retrieve your much appreciated loaned bikes and other equipment before winter sets in.

We noted that Roberta Scott deserves credit and thanks for her care of the lovely gardens. We thanked George and his work volunteers for cleaning up the damage from vandalism during the past winter, as well to Joann all who assisted with the cleaning and preparation of the bedding, etc., etc.

Doug thanked Ron Schwizer for his wonderful organization and operation of the school. We could not function without his leadership. Thank you Ron!!!

A final work day was scheduled for August 12 and the Spring meeting of the Associates was set for Monday, June 8, 2015.

submitted by Christine Fredenburgh, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATES' MEETING of 8/13/2015

Present: Doug Kimmel, Chair, and Associates Cathi and Larry Bost, Polly and Bill Ceckler, Skip Crooks, Charlotte and George Draper, Lorraine Gawronski and Ed Allen, Nadine Murphy; Monteux Board Liaisons Joann Williams and Mary O'Meara; and Monteux Board Chairman, Phil Devenish

1. Opening Remarks and General Associate Business

Chairman Kimmel opened the meeting by calling it a celebration of the successful summer program recently ended. He welcomed and thanked those who were able to attend during a busy week and noted that absent Committee chairs had faithfully sent in reports. Board Chair Phil Devenish thanked the Associates for the "degree and panache" with which they contribute to the School, crowning us "the best thing that has happened to the Monteux School for decades." His praise was seconded by Board liaisons Joann Williams and Mary O'Meara. Phil then left the meeting to continue his executive task of shoveling dirt and crushed rock to support the planks outside the cabins. Skip Crooks (at a later moment in the meeting) put this praise of Associates in perspective by reminding us that the Associates receive back from the musicians as much as they give to them. The musicians always express gratitude for all our efforts; deepen our understanding and appreciation of the music they play; and in many cases become our young friends. They add years to our lives, even whilst on occasion they may take some away. (Nadine Murphy's story of her oboist guest slipping on the pathway to the shore at her house and breaking a leg in three places might stand as an example of this. We were relieved to hear that the oboist, Laura A., has recovered well from her accident.)

Doug Kimmel reported that the School had just received city Planning Board approval for all technical and legal aspects involved in moving onto campus a modular building -- a gift to the School of the Bagaduce Music Library -- which will house 12 residents. He added that this major development would be the cornerstone of a Capital Campaign to be launched in the coming year. Mary O'Meara, co-char of the Capital Campaign Committee, pointed out that the Campaign has not yet been made public, and that this information is for Associate ears only at this point.

2. Committee Reports

a. Work Crew George Draper expressed gratitude to all who had come to campus for the work morning this past Tuesday, August 11. Joann Williams and Jean Snyder stripped and stored duvets and other linens, and checked all cabin and Barn rooms; Polly Ceckler and Jo-Ann Keened cleaned and "put to bed" the cabin kitchen; Charlotte Draper and Nancy Hill cut to size plastic covers for all the cabin windows prior to a spray-painting festival that George will organize in late August or mid-September; Doug Kimmel, Ed Allen, and Allan Benson scraped, cleaned, and painted the Barn and Cottage porch floors; and Lorraine Gawronski moved the furniture off the cabin kitchen porch, scraped and washed the deck, and then painted it -- using a brush! Draper provided coffee and pastries.

. Children's Concert breakfast Doug read Sandy Quine's report in which she described the successful breakfast that the Associates provided before the Children's Concert -- "successful" to judge from the standing ovation given it by the musicians. Although the number of Associates who brought food this year was down from last year, there was plenty to go

around. Peggy Karns wrote that next year we might reduce the number of pastries and add back yogurt and more fruit, eggs, etc. Sandy thanked Jean, Lorraine, Skip, and Peggy for their help and Nancy Hill for her guidance. She added that next year she and Jean may do more communication with Associates by phone, as their houses are off cable or wi-fi tower grids, and she must drive to Ellsworth to send emails.

c. Welcome Dinner Lorraine Gawronski reported that Associate and Board members had again come through with flying colors for the Welcome Dinner that occurs the evening after the participants arrive and is followed immediately by their first reading rehearsal as an orchestra. Lorraine noted the success of the "Volunteer Spot" website that helps simplify the complicated organization of the dinner. She asked for clarification of the amount of money provided by the Board for cash outlays (e.g., for purchases of paper products and drinks), and Joann said the Board would consider and no doubt approve \$150 for next year.

d. Sectional Dinners Doug read Allan Benson's report, which thanked the 4 Board members and 8 Associates who hosted dinners for the various orchestra sections on the Saturday evening following their arrival. Dinners were provided for as few as 3 and as many as 11 sectional musicians. In one case, Associates combined forces and sections (the Bosts, Skip Crooks, and Chuck Collison hosted the trumpets and contra bases), and more than one dinner was hosted at local restaurants. Several Associates hosted a second gathering later in the summer. These dinners are deeply appreciated by the musicians.

e. Pizza feeding frenzy Ed Allen and Lorraine Gawronski, an unofficial and generally unrecognized committee of two, provides students with a pizza lunch on a Friday between rehearsals. Asked to describe this event, Ed said that it is pretty much an uncontrollable riot of hormones; Ed and Lorraine provided 23 pizzas, 150 cookies, and a ton of lemonade, and it all vanished inside of 20 minutes. (This secretary may not have the exact numbers, but you get the idea.) The pieces of Greek pizza reserved for the committee were also eaten, but not alas by the committee.

3. Other business

a. Suggestions made by students Students do not always communicate to Ron any housing or other problems they may be having, but they do occasionally let drop suggestions to Associates in an informal way. Joann Williams volunteered to gather any such suggestions and pass them to Ron. We will revisit her offer at our first meeting in June of 2016.

b. Feeling left out Some musicians, especially those without cars, have problems getting anywhere except to and from campus. Of these, several are reluctant to ask for help. And this is a problem that occurs every year. In the past we have tried an "adopt a cabin" approach with only limited success. It was suggested that we find a way to identify those who, for example, have not been to Acadia National Park, and make sure they have that opportunity during week 5 or 6. This, too, is an issue we should explore at our June meeting.

c. Recruitment of new Associates Several Associates have moved away or otherwise chosen or needed to stop being active volunteers. And there is always room for new Associates. Larry Bost suggested that an insert be placed in a program describing our activities and providing an opportunity for those interested to learn more. Joann Williams suggested that

a good time for such an effort would be at the second Sunday concert -- that is, along with the insert, an announcement would be made that those interested could meet with some current Associates after the concert outside the concert hall. Again, we will discuss details at our June meeting.

d. Recognition of those who rent Charlotte Draper reported that she and Joann Williams, prior to the students' arrival this year, had visited the rental residences in which Ron had managed to place all off-campus residents -- a task that gets harder for him yearly, as owners can get significantly higher rents using VRBO or other online sites. She (Charlotte) suggested that after the program starts, the renters could be invited to campus (or to an Associate's house) for an "information exchange" session and some form of appreciation (such as a ticket to a concert, something that did occur this past summer and was much appreciated by the renter). Joann supported this idea. It will be discussed with Ron.

Chairman Kimmel closed the meeting with a huzzah, echoed by all.

Respectfully submitted,

George Draper (subbing for Secretary Chris Fredenburgh)

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting June 14, 2016

Doug Kimmel welcomed us all to our first meeting of the summer. He then asked for a moment of silence and compassion for all the victims of the horrific shootings in Orlando.

We then proceeded to go around the table and talk about how each of us had come to know of the Monteux School and why we were drawn to participate on the Board of Associates. Very interesting.

Charlotte Draper suggested updating our Associates listing to include only those active in our many projects and attending meetings.

Last meeting's minutes were circulated. Thorough and humorous. Thank you George Draper.

Everyone was given a form on which to record our volunteer hours. It includes a place to register in kind donations: money spent on school functions. Return it to Joann Williams. By request you will be given a receipt for in-kind donations.

Campus workdays, and there is much to be done, are June 15 and 16. This is coordinated by George Draper. He needs as many volunteers as possible to have everything ready for the students' arrival. With the addition of the new wonderful Devenish Hall there is much more area to be covered.

Speaking of this new addition to our campus, there will be an open house at the Devenish Hall on Friday, June 17th from 2 to 6 pm. The community is invited.

We all are so grateful to Phil and Phoebe Devenish for their generous donation.

Roberta Scott has been working on the gardens and they are, reportedly, looking great.

A number of musicians need bicycles for commuting to campus and others enjoy them for outings. The bikes are out and nearly ready. There are some helmets but more are needed. Thanks to Bill Ceckler.

We should be eager to help the students visit interesting Downeast places and activities; coordinate with the conducting assistants to help identify students who may especially benefit from this.

We signed up to bring food (and what sort) for the "Welcome Potluck Supper" on June 20th at 5 PM. Delivery of food should be made by 4:30. Charlotte Draper needs volunteers especially for clean-up.

Pickup day is Sunday, June 19th. Many of us meet incoming students at the Bangor Airport or bus depot. Some musicians fly into the Bar Harbor Airport.

The sectional dinners will be on Saturday, June 25th. Many Associates host groups of musicians, say violas, cellos, french horns, etc. These occasions, some in homes and others in restaurants, have been a wonderful way to get to know one another. Allan Benson is coordinating this event.

The Children's Concert breakfast for the musicians is at 8 AM on Monday July 11th. If you are able to donate food, it can be put in the pantry or refrigerator the afternoon before or early in the morning of the 11th.

Ron Schwizer has posters and flyers listing the school's concerts for the season. We are all encouraged to take some to put up where they will be seen.

This summer's program includes a commissioned work for the 100th Anniversary of Acadia Park.

–Minutes submitted by Christine Fredenburgh, Secretary

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting August 16, 2016

Doug Kimmel welcomed us and asked that we go around the table introducing ourselves. There were several visitors, perhaps prospective members. We are always looking for folks to assist us in all that we do for the students.

A roster of members was circulated on which we could add or update information.

We were also given forms on which to list our volunteer hours and in-kind donations.

Campus workdays, spearheaded by George Draper, have been demanding this summer due to the new and wonderful Devenish Hall. Another work crew is meeting tomorrow to perform the rest of the end-of-season clean up. Incidentally, all rooms in Devenish Hall have now been claimed by donors.

The gardens have been particularly lovely this summer. Thank you Roberta Scott.

Bill Ceckler, our go to bike person, told us that our bicycles have been much used and enjoyed this season. He may be acquiring as many as six additional vehicles at a Bike Swap. All of our bikes are in good shape and in storage.

We have recently been made aware of the Edge Program in Cherryfield, sponsored by the Maine Seacoast Mission. This is a valuable community service organization. They will be assisting us with new bike racks.

There have been a number of activities for the students including a pizza party hosted by Ed Allen and Lorraine Gawronski: 25 pizzas and many accompaniments were purchased from Pat's Pizza at a 50% discount! Thanks to Ed, Lorraine, and Pat's Pizza!

Thank you to all Associates who picked up students on June 19th and those who brought the musicians back to the airport and bus depot at the end of the season. Suzanne Judd and Peggy Karns volunteered to organize this pick up process for 2017 (June 18).

The distribution of welcome packets has become obsolete as practically all information can be obtained online.

The welcome potluck dinner on June 20th was, as always, much enjoyed. Our thanks to Lorraine Gawronski, Charlotte Draper, Barb Witham and Thelma White. Thank you also to all of the Associates who contributed the delicious food.

The sectional dinners were coordinated by Associate Allan Benson. The dinners were all held on the first Saturday evening of the season, June 25. The one-date-for-all during that first week allowed all of the musicians to get an early exposure to Maine hospitality, to quickly bond with the other members of their section, and ensured that no musician felt left out that night. Coordination of the dinners on the musician's side was handled seamlessly by Orchestra Assistant John Norine. The 60 musicians were divided into 12 sections, with a few combinations to ensure that no group was less than 3 (Contrabass/Harp; Percussion/Piano; and Trombone/Tuba). Of the 12 dinners held that night, 6 were hosted by Associates, 5 were hosted by Trustees and 1 was hosted by a combination of both. There were a lot of hugs at the Sunday concert the following day and a lot of thank you notes floating around attesting to the success of this Associates' program. Further, it was obvious during the next 6 weeks that student-patron relationships that were forged that first night lasted throughout the season. A heartfelt thanks to all who hosted:

- Ted and Candace Walworth
- Peggy Amstutz

- Lee-lee and John Schlegel
- Cathi and Larry Bost, and Chuck Collison
- Joann and Sam Williams
- Aileen and Hal Dower
- Howard Howard
- Mary O'Meara
- Pat and Joe Pitts
- Suzanne and Al Judd
- Nancy Hill and Allan Benson
- Charlotte and George Draper

Sandy Quine reported on the breakfast event on the day the of annual Children's Concert: The breakfast for the Student Musicians on July 11th was another outstanding success this year thanks to the hard work of so many associates and friends. As usual the students ate everything in sight, at the breakfast, after the practice, and after the concert. And for the second year in a row we received another standing ovation! We also received cash donations, which was a big help. But the best news of all is that Cathi and Larry Bost and Suzanne and Al Judd have agreed to be co-chairs of the student breakfast next year! Three cheers and a round of applause for the Bosts and the Judds! I know they will have lots of help from the wonderful Monteux Associates. I also have agreed to stay on to help them, sans my computer! Nancy Hill also agreed to be an advisor. I know we'll have another successful year due to our great Associates.

On July 30th the Farewell Student Party (lovely buffet) was greatly enjoyed by all. Thank you folks who brought food. It was suggested that Associates mix more with the students at this informal event.

Lee-lee Schlegel volunteered to work on the *Newsletter* to relieve Ron of this task.

Jean Snyder suggested that we send attractive thank you cards to those organizations and businesses that have been generous to us.

Charlotte Draper noted the importance of making phone calls to Associates listed in the program who are not currently involved to see if they wish to continue or have their name removed.

Submitted by Christine Fredenburgh, Secretary

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting – June 13, 2017

Doug Kimmel welcomed everyone and the members who were present introduced themselves. Three new members have joined the group – Pierre and Mary Vauthy and Mary Turner. The roster was circulated for any additions or corrections. Mary Turner volunteered to be secretary.

Joann emphasized the importance of recording any volunteer hours, including time spent emailing. Grant applications are improved when community involvement can be demonstrated. These hours need to be turned in to Joann by the end of August. If there are monetary amounts to be reimbursed, talk with Ron and he will send a letter if a tax deduction is desired.

The preparatory campus work day is on Thursday, June 15th. The cabins have already been cleaned but getting all the linens out plus other various tasks is a big job. Any help will be much appreciated.

Roberta Scott has the gardens well in hand so be sure to mention your appreciation to her. She does such a wonderful job.

Bill Ceckler is going out of town but will return in time to get the bicycles all up and running. Pierre Vauthy has offered the use of an electric bicycle pump. A white tool box for the bicycles is located on top of the refrigerator.

There are many opportunities to offer activities and enrichments to the students. Some examples might be inviting students to your home, on a boat ride, hiking, driving through Acadia, etc. There is a bulletin board with student opportunities where items of interest can be posted. The orchestra assistants may notice which students would profit by an extra outreach by Associate Members so you can check with them. Also, getting laundry done can be challenging so offering services along that line would probably be much appreciated.

The student pickup day is Sunday, June 18th and Suzanne Judd has this project totally organized. Be sure and contact the students for any possible time changes. It would be a good idea to stop by a store on the way to Hancock and give them an opportunity to purchase any food for the first 3-4 days since those first few days will be very busy. The WalMart in Brewer is open until midnight and the Irving station in Ellsworth is open 24 hours a day. Ron has purchased rice cookers for the cabins. After the students have been checked in at Tamarack Place they need to be delivered to their housing.

The welcome potluck dinner is on Monday, June 19th and Lorraine Gawronski is managing that event. A list of food items that are still needed was passed around the meeting. All food should be brought to the Forest Studio by 4:30 and then we disappear and allow the students to socialize.

The sectional dinners, organized by Allan Benson, are on Saturday, June 24th. This year there are 64 students including spouses. Allan has divided everyone into 12 groups and, as of this meeting, there are hosts for 11 of these groups. There can be a variety of diet issues so it is important to communicate with whoever is coming to determine any food allergies or preferences. Also, make sure that everyone in the section has a means of transportation to your house. Perhaps they would want to bring some laundry and/or instruments. Be aware of the drinking age if alcohol is served and make sure there is a designated driver. This year a policy concerning responsible drinking and behavior has been issued to the students. It is certainly possible to offer other dining opportunities at your house during the season by posting a message on the board.

It was decided to change the Children's Concert breakfast into a lunch, which will be served after the concert. This will make it easier for everyone to partake of food without having to get up early and rush. A significant portion of the back room will need to be left clear of instrument cases, etc. so the lunch can be set up during the petting zoo.

Lee-lee Schlegel has again volunteered to help Ron with the newsletter.

An email of the rehearsal schedule (subject to change) is attached below to help Associates determine availability to offer additional activities for the students. Generally, Monday is the day off and Thursday afternoons are also open.

Submitted by Mary Turner, Secretary

The Pierre Monteux School & Music Festival 2017 season consists of six full weeks from Monday, June 19 through Sunday, July 30. (All participants arrive on Sunday, June 18 and leave the morning of Monday, July 31.) Each week's schedule consists of seven masterclass orchestra rehearsals, held on Tuesday through Saturday mornings (9:00 am-12:30 pm) and on Tuesday and Friday evenings (7:00-10:00pm).

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting August 17, 2017

Doug Kimmel welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves. There were many absentees for a variety of reasons. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and the roster was passed around for any corrections. When sending an email to multiple people, a group is usually set up in the computer so it is necessary to make sure that any corrections or additions are made to this list to ensure that everyone is receiving the email.

Volunteer Hours: The reporting of volunteer hours helps when applying for grants and is especially important this year since the Maine Community Foundation has awarded a grant to the Monteux School for hiring a fund raising consultant. If you did not leave the record of your hours at the meeting on Thursday, please mail the form to Joann Williams at P.O. Box 369, Winter Harbor, ME 04693 or electronically transmit it to Joannkwilliams @yahoo.com. Charlotte reminded everyone that it is easier to keep track of this information during the summer than to try and recreate it at the end of the season. If anyone is interested in assisting with fund raising Doug recommends the book: *Joan Garry's Guide to Nonprofit Leadership: Because Nonprofits are Messy* by Joan Garry.

Campus Work Days: There were two work days this year – preseason on June 15th and post season on August 10th. The two aspects of these activities are housekeeping and maintenance. The students are now asked to bring their own sheets and towels so there has been some simplification but there is still a lot of laundry and repair work to the duvets, blankets, etc. that needs to be done. Joann is working on a plan to make this task easier and to spread the work around more. Thanks to Pat Summerer for all that she did and Lorraine has volunteered to help with the laundry chores. The turnaround that has to be done for Allison Kiger's group adds to the workload. The kitchens were left in better shape this year thanks to some prompting by Phil. A list of maintenance projects was compiled and given to Phil. Since 2018 is the 75th anniversary we may want to hire someone to assist in doing some extra maintenance such as painting and window caulking. There are individuals who are not members of the Associates or the Board who do volunteer projects around the school and a suggestion was made to find a way to recognize these people.

Season Review: Again, thanks to Roberta for the lovely gardens and to Bill for getting the bicycles ready. Bill reported that there are 11 working bikes. The Bicycle Coalition of Maine has two bike swaps during the year and he may be able to pick up a couple more bikes through them. Also, Bill talked about constructing some bike racks for storage and possibly a couple to go on cars.

The students greatly appreciated all that the Associates did in the way of enrichment activities and entertaining – meals furnished, laundry done, golfing provided, etc. It was suggested that printed copies of maps for hiking and some other useful literature be made available since there is not always access to the internet.

The transportation pickup and deliveries went well thanks to Suzanne and Peggy, both of whom have volunteered to be in charge again next year. It would be appreciated if anyone who organized a special event could write up some notes about the procedures used, what worked best, etc. and send these notes to Mary Turner to be kept with the minutes. This information will be very useful in the future if someone else takes over that responsibility. You can email the material to moniturner55@yahoo.com or mail to P.O. Box 31, Hancock, ME 04640,

The welcome dinner, sectional dinners, children's concert luncheon, and the farewell student party were all very successful. Nancy will send a note of thanks to John Norine for making sure that the sectional dinners went smoothly and Ron will thank Tiffany for the great children's concert.

Scholarship Concert and 75th Anniversary: Ideas were discussed for improving attendance, and thus revenue, at the scholarship concert. A change of venue? A special event that would be more appealing? The Board will have a committee to determine how to celebrate the 75th anniversary and perhaps some Associates would like to be included in that group. Maybe something could be done in conjunction with Woodlawn.

Other: Some dates were set for next year. The official preseason meeting will be on **Tuesday, June 12th at 4:00 and the workday will be on Wednesday, June 13th from 9-12.**

Don't forget to RSVP to Phil and Phoebe re the Paella on August 29th.

Submitted by Mary Turner, secretary

**Agenda for the Associates Meeting
June 12, 2018
4 pm at Winterhaven**

Welcome and Introductions

Corrections/Updates to roster

Minutes

Record of volunteer hours

Campus Work Day(s) – Thursday, June 14. We will gather at 9:00 a.m., in Devenish Hall and, over coffee, tea, and donuts, assign the various tasks we need to accomplish that morning; many hands to make light the work.

Gardens

Bicycles – Bill Ceckler,

Activities & enrichment for students

Pick up student day: Sunday June 17 – Suzanne Judd; Peggy Karns for July 30 departure

Welcome dinner: Monday June 18 – Lorraine Gawronski: See sign-up sheet

Sectional Dinners: Saturday June 23 – Coordinator TBA – The dinners are held on the first Saturday evening of the season, June 23. The one-date-for-all during that first week allows for all of the musicians to get an early exposure to Maine hospitality, to quickly bond with their section, and ensures that no musician felt left out that night.

Children's Concert Luncheon: *THURSDAY July 13* – Lorraine and Ed Allen

Other Topics:

Special Events:

- First Concert: Sunday June 24, 5 pm
- Wednesday concert with guest artist: June 27, 7:30 pm
- Sunday July 8th: Post-concert reception
- Wednesday concert with Will White's "Trio": July 11, 7:30 pm
- Children's Concert – *THURSDAY, July 12, 10:30 am*
- Memorial Concert - Sunday July 23, 5 pm
- Farewell Student Party: Saturday July 28 (pot luck at hall)

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Intro: Ron Schwizer has joined the Monteux Associates and he shared the origami bowl made by the students that he received as a gift plus the color print of Pierre that had been done by Dan Miller. The School will certainly miss Ron in his role as Executive Director but we welcome him with open arms. Introduction of the members present was further proof of the importance of word of mouth in gaining members. Almost everyone in the group joined because they were encouraged to do so by a friend.

Mission: A common thread during the meeting was the question – what is the mission and the goal of the Monteux Associates? The original mission statement will be located and revisited, but the consensus was that our mission is to help make the students' experiences here better. This involvement with the students is what sets our school festival apart from the others and we hear over and over how appreciative everyone is. That said, the time and energy demands on Associates are being stretched thin by concerns like linens and facility maintenance and we need to respect the limits of the volunteers.

Maintenance: There will be no work day this month. George announced that he will organize the work day in June of 2019 and then he will step down from this position. The number of housing units on campus has doubled. Added to that is the probability of renting some of these facilities using Airbnb or a similar organization. Joann has been doing the linens on her own for a long time and even with Pat and Mary helping this year the amount of work is overwhelming. It was the consensus of the members at the meeting that the laundering of all the linens at the end of the season should be outsourced and paid for by the School. Supplies need to be purchased in the Spring and it was proposed that this job be put on a rotating basis. Larry and Cathi Bost volunteered to do this in 2019. The Board of Trustees has a Facilities Committee that will establish policies for the use of the School and related maintenance and upkeep. This includes any liability issues that may arise as a result of rentals.

Volunteer Hours: If you did not leave your volunteer hours with Mary at the meeting please send them to Joann. Lee-lee volunteered to redesign the form to make it easier to complete. If you need a receipt for tax purposes please contact Marc. Again, thanks to everyone for all the hours you spent making the summer better for the students.

Season Review:

Bill Ceckler did his usual excellent job in getting the bicycles ready for student use and hopefully he will be able to continue doing so next year.

The enrichment activities provided many opportunities for the students. It was mentioned that the students may not always check the bulletin board for events so it may also be a good idea to extend an invitation to a particular individual, especially if it is felt that someone is feeling left out or homesick. If having a meal at your home it might be useful to list what will be served to eliminate dietary problems.

Suzanne Judd organized the student pick up day and Peggy Karns was in charge of the departures. Of course there are always airplane delays, but also it was suggested that perhaps a van should be rented for the early morning departures. There are usually several students that need to leave very early and the volunteers for those airport runs often don't have cars that are large enough to transport multiple students plus their instruments. The Associates need to make sure that they contact anyone that they are transporting, noting that email reception can be a problem.

Lorraine organized the welcome dinner with her usual efficiency. She observed that the returning students all tended to sit with people they knew from the previous year which left the new students feeling a bit awkward so she suggested that as the students get their name tag they randomly select a number which will indicate the table at which they should sit. This arrangement would be a good ice breaker and would allow for more immediate mingling. Devenish Hall was used to keep the hot food warm.

Mary and Pierre Vauthy have volunteered to organize the sectional dinners in 2019. These dinners are an important way for the students in the various sections to become acquainted with each other early in the season.

Ed and Lorraine did their pizza meal after the children's concert and that was a big success. They are willing to continue to do this rather than host everyone on the last Friday lunch of the season. The previous year

Associate members brought in food on a pot luck basis, which is a bit hard to organize backstage while the children's concert is in progress.

The farewell student pot luck/roast was discussed at some length. This activity is primarily for the students and the question was raised about whether or not we were intruding. It was decided that the Associates will not be sent a formal invitation to attend in 2019.

Monteux Society Events: There are several events during the summer that are designed to recognize donors to the School. After some discussion, it was the conclusion that the Board of Trustees is responsible for these functions, not the Associates.

Misc: If anyone would like to assume obtaining the ads for the program please contact Doug. The complementary tickets that were given out for the first concert were a success and that will be repeated in 2019. The tentative date for the June Associates meeting is June 11th, with the workday being on the 13th. The students arrive on Sunday the 16th, the Welcome Dinner will be on the 17th, and the sectional dinners on June 22nd.

Submitted by Mary Turner, Secretary

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting

June 4, 2019

Welcome, Introductions, and Facilities Update: John Sheridan and Wendy Barcomb are new members of the Associates as well as Susan Luke, who is the property manager for the Monteux School. At the present time Winterhaven is rented, the Cottage will be rented next week, and the Hall is booked for a wedding reception on July 13th. If anyone wants to rent one of the facilities for an event contact Susan directly at monteuxeventcenter.com; otherwise check with Phil if you have any questions. At the present time the water lines are being changed so that the well for Devenish Hall will also provide the water to the Cabins. An extra shower is being installed in the Barn and a linen storage room is being constructed between Winterhaven and Marc's apartment. The question was raised last year about the adequacy of the liability insurance and after consideration the amount was increased from \$1 million to \$3 million. Liability insurance for individuals driving or otherwise entertaining students is not available but it is assumed that everyone has this coverage through their own individual policies. The minutes were approved as distributed. Everyone present signed the Behavior and Reporting Policy that has been created by the Board and Joann passed out the reporting form for volunteer hours.

Work Morning: Susan has taken over the responsibility for doing the laundry. On Thursday Associate members will meet to distribute the appropriate linens to each housing facility as well as checking light bulbs, putting trash bags in the receptacles, etc. Since some of the facilities have already been rented, items have gotten moved around which will necessitate some reorganization. Pierre and Mary Vauthy and Nancy Hill volunteered to do any necessary painting on Tuesday June 11th. The water had been turned off for the plumbing modification so Susan and her crew will finish up the cleaning once the water is back on. Sam Williams will patch up minor tears in screens. This year Larry and Cathi Bost will acquire and distribute the supplies to each location. We had decided that this job will be on a rotating basis so at the August meeting a different person will be selected. George has made a list of what is needed and it will be attached to the email. Bill Ceckler will work on the bicycles when he has an opportunity and the possibility of constructing bike racks was discussed. Roberta will once again maintain the lovely gardens and Joann will do the window boxes for the cabins. At some point the area behind Winterhaven needs to have some substantial yard work done. This is George's last year as the coordinator of the work day. During the summer he will send out a job description and someone to replace him will be chosen in August.

Student Activities: The students will be arriving on Sunday, June 16th. Suzanne is organizing the pickups and will send out a list of arrival times when she receives a complete schedule. The students may be hungry when they arrive and will also need to stop at a grocery store to purchase food for the immediate future. They will then be taken to Tamarack Place to check in and subsequently be delivered to their assigned accommodation. At the end of the season Peggy Karns will be organizing student departures. Monday, June 17th, will be the Welcome Dinner where the Associates provide the food and the students have an opportunity to meet one another. Lorraine is in charge of this event and if you haven't already signed up or want to see what is still needed check with her. Mary Vauthy has organized the sectional dinners which will be on Saturday, June 22nd. This is an excellent time for the musicians in a section to get to know each other personally. One of the student associates will be assigned to coordinate this event in terms of providing a contact and organizing transportation. Increasingly there are food issues such as gluten intolerance, vegetarians, and vegans so be sure and check for this as well as any allergies before planning the menu. Also, if alcohol will be served be aware that the legal drinking age is 21 and there needs to be a designated driver. Ed and Lorraine will provide a pizza lunch for the musicians after the Children's Concert on Thursday, July 11th. A unique feature of the Monteux School and Music Festival is that the Monteux Associates provide enrichment activities such as inviting students to their homes, taking them sightseeing, and offering to help when needed. There is a bulletin board in the back room of the Hall where you can post a notice and students can sign up.

Other Topics: Two complementary tickets for a concert will be given to the Associates to hand out. This is an excellent way of introducing others to the School. Stanley Subaru will probably donate bottled water for the concerts. Rather than have a set price it was decided to accept contributions and Pat will make a donation bin. Here's to another successful year!!

Submitted by Mary Turner, Secretary

Minutes of the Monteux School and Music Festival Associates Meeting

August 6, 2019

Intro: Introductions were made, volunteer hour forms were given to Joann, and the minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Facilities: As previously discussed, it is the general consensus that the role of the Associates is to assist the students rather than to perform maintenance on the facilities and the wonderful addition of Susan Luke has made that possible. Associates no longer need to shop for housing supplies. George will no longer be the coordinator of campus work days, and, in fact, there will be no work days next season. Susan has assumed all responsibilities for getting the living quarters ready, including laundry and bedding. If some particular task needs doing – such as painting – Susan and/or George will put out a call for help. The School could use some new picnic tables so that is a potential project. No other furniture is needed. Both Winterhaven and the Cottage are currently rented.

Season Review: All went very well during the 2019 season. Those who organized each of the Associate Tasks agreed to do it again next year. The current generation uses texting much more than email so we need to modify how we connect with the students. Joann will check with the Board to see if it would be appropriate for the Associates to receive a copy of the student housing/contact information. The Assistants are now doing the late evening airport pickups, which is great. Bill will continue maintaining the bicycles, but does ask for help in making sure that they are stored at the end of the season. The take home containers at the Welcome Dinner were very popular this year. We do need to have volunteers to set up for the Associates meetings in June and August and, of course, this would be on a rotating basis. Everyone was thanked for providing food, entertaining students, doing transportation, and hosting sectional dinners, etc. The students really appreciate the atmosphere that we provide and we know that our group helps set this festival apart from all the others.

Other: Lorraine requested the budget for the Welcome Dinner that has traditionally not been used but may be needed at some point in time. The water bottles that were donated by Stanley Subaru were appreciated and we will continue to provide water next year. The Festival calendar that Marc sent out was useful in putting the season in perspective and providing an overview of events. The signs that were used during some of the concerts couldn't be seen by everyone in the Hall so if they are planned again some modifications need to be made. The microphone system was also not always adequate. The students may need some instruction in how better use a mike and/or a different type of mike should be used. Michael's 25th anniversary as Director of the School will be in 2020 and the Board will be planning special activities. One idea is to have a reunion of alumni and, if so, we would be asked to help provide the housing while they are here. So anyone who would be willing to accommodate guests please let Joann know. Also, please be thinking of ways that we, as Associates, can encourage concert attendees to be become more involved with the School.

Submitted by Mary Turner, Secretary

Minutes of the Monteux School & Music Festival Associates Meeting

May 25, 2021

4:00 on Zoom

The decision was made to have the Associates meeting via Zoom since several members have not yet returned to Maine and there is some hesitancy about resuming group activities. However, there was a technical difficulty in getting the meeting underway and by the time this was overcome there was limited time before Zoom would shut down. Therefore some follow up decisions were made through emails and I will indicate those with bold and italics.

There were no minutes to be read since no meetings were held in 2020. Joann has emailed forms for the recording of volunteer hours and behavior and reporting policy where needed. Full capacity will be allowed at the concerts so there will be no social distancing. In order to prevent any Covid break throughs all attendees who chose to sit inside will be required to wear masks and show proof of vaccination. Outside seating will be provided for individuals who are not vaccinated and/or prefer to not wear a mask.

There will be a campus work day on Thursday, June 3rd at 9:00. There should be little work for us to do since Susan Luke will be doing all the cleaning and room set ups. There may be some repairs that need to be done to the barn. Susan will have a list at the work day. ***Doug and George will do a walk through of the campus before June 3rd to determine what needs to be done.*** Help will be needed with the bicycles this year and ***Mike Summerer and Jane Shipman have volunteered to help Bill Ceckler.*** Susan said having additional picnic tables would be much appreciated by the students and new brochures showing the various activities available in the area need to be procured. Marc has purchased some supplies like hand sanitizer, soap, and rubber gloves, but additional items like Lysol and toilet paper still need to be obtained. Pat Summerer will check with Susan and will have these supplies available for distribution on June 3rd. Everyone needs to stay out of the buildings once they are cleaned and Winterhaven and the cottage are currently rented.

Student pick up day is on Sunday, June 13th and Doug will be organizing that activity this year. Please inform Doug as to your ability to participate. Since we are short on volunteers right now we need all the help we can get.

The Welcome Dinner will be on Monday, June 14th. Again, it is complicated this year both because of Covid and the number of available members. ***In lieu of main dishes this year, pizza will be provided so any participants Associates will be asked to bring salads/veggies, desserts, drinks, and supplies. Charlotte will be consulting with Lorraine about sources for pizza food and quantities needed and Charlotte, with help from anyone available, will be organizing and setting up the dinner.***

Sectional dinners are provided the night before the first concert, which this year would be Saturday, June 19th. ***We weren't sure that we would be able to have the dinners this year but we are good to go. Enough people volunteered that all the sections are covered. Many thanks to those of you, and members of the Board, who stepped up to the plate. Mary Vauthy will be organizing this event.***

We ended the meeting about 10 seconds before the Zoom quit. Thanks to everyone for your patience. We are so happy to be able to have a concert season in 2021.

Submitted by Mary Turner, Secretary

Agenda for the Associates Meeting
July 29, 2021
4 pm at Tamarack Place

Welcome and Introductions

Corrections/Updates to roster

Minutes

Record of volunteer hours

Campus Work Day(s) & Facilities:

- Thanks & current needs
- Board Facilities Committee: future of maintenance needs (and Associates' involvement in them)
- Name of Coordinator of Campus Work Days (George is retiring)

Review of the Season:

- Campus Work Day
- Bicycles
- Activities & enrichment for students
- Pick up student day
- Welcome Dinner
- Sectional Dinners
- Student departure day

Report of Board Liaison – Joann Williams

Suggestions for Next Year

Thanks to all for a great season!

Adjourn & Refreshments

Minutes from the Monteux Associates Meeting
Wednesday, June 1, 2022
Via Zoom – 4:30

The School's new Executive Director, Stan Renard, provided the link and participated in the meeting. Doug had the attendees introduce themselves and then we spent a few minutes remembering Michael. Several people told moving stories about him personally and his history with the School.

Several items from the minutes of the meeting in July of 2021 were discussed. We had talked about issues with supplies and maintenance of the housing facilities and it had been suggested that a student liaison from each dorm be appointed who would be responsible for bringing such issues to the attention of management. Stan and Tiffany have already decided to set up a SLACK app which will improve communication about what is happening in the dorms. An additional application would be another account for Associates to post invites to the students, such as hikes, trips, laundry, etc., and the students can respond online. In this digital age we needed to find a way to effectively communicate information and this app looks like a good solution. Once Stan sets everything up he will also send a tutorial on its use.

Joann will be sending a copy of the School's Behavior and Reporting Policy, which everyone associated with the School needs to sign. If you have signed this form in the past there is no need to sign again; if you have not previously signed please do so and return it to Joann. She will also be sending a copy of a form to record your volunteer hours. These data are used when applying for grants and other reporting purposes so it is important. It's much easier to start writing your hours down now than to try and recreate them at the end of the season.

The complimentary tickets will be handled differently this year. Every couple or single Associate member is entitled to two tickets that can be given to friends and these tickets are good for any concerts during the first three weeks – Sundays or Wednesdays. In order to distribute these tickets you will need to email Stan at pierremonteuxschool@gmail.com and let him know the names of the recipients, the concert they will be attending, and their email address. He will then respond to their request with assigned seating.

The official campus work day will be on Thursday, June 16th. If you can help please meet at Devenish Hall at 9:00 am. Bill McArtor and Gianna Settin will check out the campus prior to that date and note any maintenance that needs to be done. Joann has distributed the linens to their appropriate locations. The newer facilities have comforters that do not need separate covers but the Cabin, Barn, and Cottage will need to have the duvet covers put on. The School hired cleaners to do the overall cleaning but there are always last minutes things that need to be done. Mike Summerer will contact Jane Shipman about getting the bicycles in shape. He cannot be there on the 16th so will be working on them at a different time.

The students are arriving on Sunday, June 19th and Doug will be coordinating the pickups at airports and the bus station. If you would be willing to help please contact Doug. Let him know the size of your car, how many students you can take – keeping in mind their luggage and instruments – and your preferred time period. Depending on the time of day, they may be hungry and wish to stop for lunch. Also, be sure and stop

by a grocery store so they can purchase any food items they will need over the first few days. They then need to be taken to Tamarack Place where they will check in to get their dorm assignment and the key. From there they need to be taken to their living facility. Thanks to the addition of the new dorm everything is close by. The School will probably provide some light refreshments at Tamarack Place in the evening.

The next day, Monday, June 20th, is the Welcome Supper, which Pat Summerer and Nancy Hill are coordinating. The School will be providing pizzas and the Associates will provide salads, desserts, and drinks. Pat will be sending a list of those who have volunteered to bring food, which should be dropped off between 4 and 4:30. Check and make sure that your information is correct and contact her if any changes are needed. Pat says she has enough helpers to set up the Hall and Larry and Cathi Bost have volunteered to go and pick up the pizzas. We do not stay for this event. The students are responsible for the clean up and they will have their first rehearsal immediately afterwards.

The next main event will be the Sectional Dinners on Saturday, June 25th. Mary Vauthy is once again the coordinator and has already secured enough hosts. She will be sending out additional information to all the volunteers. Tiffany will select a representative from each section who will let the hosts know about any food issues. A reminder to be careful about serving alcoholic drinks to minors.

There will be a Children's Concert again this year!! It will be held on Thursday, July 14th at 10:30 am and will last about 30 minutes with an instrument petting zoo afterwards. There is no charge for admission but anyone wishing to attend should go online and get the tickets through Tickettailor so there is some expectation of how many will attend. Ed and Lorraine have once again generously volunteered to provide a pizza lunch for the students afterwards.

There was a discussion about the Covid restrictions and policy this year. Everyone will need to be vaccinated in order to enter the Hall but the question remains about whether or not all the boosters will be required. There are those who want to wait until Fall to receive the second booster in the event that another one will not be available at that time. The question of masking is also still up in the air and may depend on the Covid situation at the moment. The Board will be meeting and discussing this subject prior to the concert season starting and everyone will be informed of their decisions.

Stan clarified the student rehearsal schedule and invited us to attend these rehearsals. It is a totally different experience than a concert and will increase your understanding and appreciation of how hard these students work. They have Mondays off, but then rehearse from 9:00–12:30 Tuesday through Saturday. They also have rehearsals on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7–10.

Tiffany Lu, Kensho Watanabe, and William White have been doing a podcast entitled "Classical Gabfest" on a weekly basis. This is a discussion about the ever-changing world of classical music. For the first time ever they will be doing a live podcast; it will be from the Hall on Friday, June 24th, at 3:00. The admission is free so come and have a new experience.

Thanks again for all that you do and enjoy the 2022 concert season.

Mary Turner
Secretary

**Minutes from Monteux Associates Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
Via Zoom – 4:00**

The meeting was held via Zoom since most of the School's facilities are currently in use by other groups. The name of the newest building has been finalized as Maestro Hall. The minutes were approved as distributed. If there are changes to any contact information please let Mary Turner know.

Please send Joann your volunteer hours, mileage driven, and in-kind purchases made this year. You can mail her the completed form – PO Box 369, Winter Harbor, ME 04693 – scan and email it to her @ Joannkwilliams@yahoo.com – or email your hours to her. It is important that they be divided into the specific categories. Another copy of the form will be attached to these minutes in case you need it. A record of this information is very useful and impressive when applying for grants.

The work day in June was quite successful. Bill and Phil will be checking the campus as soon as the visiting groups have left and will do some needed maintenance at that time, like repairing some boards at the Hall entrance. Also, Joann and Charlotte will be looking for some assistance to reorganize and redistribute dishes and utensils that got moved around during the summer. Joann will send out an email when a specific day is chosen. More vacuum cleaners are still needed so if you have one you no longer use please let Joann know.

Bill will continue to organize the campus work day next Spring and Gianna has volunteered to be the person buying the supplies for the facilities.

There were two student cleaning days this year – one mid-season and the other on the last day. Charlotte, Mary Vauthy, and Joann were in charge and the students were assigned specific tasks with check off lists. The one mid-season was particularly successful and the dorms were left in much better condition this year.

Mike and Jane got nine bicycles up and running and it seemed that they were used more than in the past, probably because of Maestro Hall. Some of these bicycles will need some major repairs this next year plus more are needed. Keep your eyes open for any yard sales or something like a police auction that have decent bikes and let Mike or Jane know if you spot anything.

Student arrivals and departures went well considering the airline problems this year. We were particularly lucky that no planes were cancelled or there were no major delays for departures. Many thanks to all the volunteers

who made trips to the airport at all hours of the day and night to pick up and deliver students. It is very important to contact the assigned student(s) well in advance to let them know your name and that you will be the one picking them up. Texting is usually the best way to contact the students. The arrival trip is especially a good opportunity to get to know individual students and that can lead to spending additional time with them. The plan to set up an online contact app to reach out to students did not work this year. Many Associates would like to have opportunities to do other activities with students but don't know how to make that happen. Perhaps furnishing the Associates a list of all the students and their contact information would make that easier or maybe Stan can find another solution.

The Welcome and Sectional Dinners went well. Having pizza at the Welcome Dinner is an easy solution and the Sectional Dinners, again, provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know individual students as well as the students in a particular section getting acquainted with each other.

The time for the Zoom meeting expired and a few people reentered for a last discussion. Mostly we talked about getting more publicity for the Childrens, Scholarship, and Wednesday concerts. Also, Al suggested that there be more student talking at the concerts as people in the audience really do like hearing the information about the piece to be played as well as personal data about the students themselves. That also would give the students opportunities to improve their communication skills.

Have a wonderful year and see you next Spring for another great concert season.

Mary Turner
Secretary