

Minutes from Monteux Associates Meeting
June 1, 2026
4:30 at Tamarack Place and on Zoom

The Associates who were attending introduced themselves. Sue Patz, Lesley Robinson and Howard Weiner are newer members. Stan's new Assistant, Emily Warren, attended by Zoom. Welcome all. A master list of member information was passed around for everyone to review. Nancy Hill and the Vauthy's home phone numbers can be removed. The minutes from last July's meeting were approved.

Joann reminded everyone about the behavior and reporting policy that needs to be signed before having contact with any students. Once this has been signed it does not have to be renewed annually. However, a copy will be sent electronically to members for reviewing the contents. A record of volunteer hours was also distributed, both at the meeting in paper form and electronically as an attachment. It is much easier to keep track of everything as it happens instead of trying to reconstruct hours and miles at the end of the season. Joann reported that last year 802 hours were recorded along with 2936 miles driven and \$2,713 in-kind donations were received. This information is very helpful when applying for grants. Each Associate is entitled to 2 complementary tickets to be given to friends who have not attended a concert in the past. These tickets can be used for any concerts during the first three weeks of the season. If you plan to invite someone send their name and email address to Stan so they can be added into our data base.

The campus work day was scheduled for June 2, 2026. There is minimal work to do other than gardening since the buildings are being cleaned professionally and the supplies have been delivered to all the facilities. The buildings do need to be checked to make sure that they all have the necessary linens. Bill is installing smoke detectors and checking light bulbs. Doug is tightening toilet seats. Gardeners decided on 11:00 as a starting time and the room checkers will arrive at 10:00. Mike and Jane will be fixing and testing bicycles.

For those who don't know, there was a problem in January with the Simpson House which is the School's newest acquisition. The water pump failed which resulted in frozen pipes and there was considerable damage. The repair work is now almost done. The new box office at the Hall is completed. Some of the cabins did need to have new showers put in. A washer and dryer were added to the Barn so we now have a total of six laundry facilities in place.

The students have a closed social media group where they can share plans and ideas. If you wish to do something special with a student or a group of students the best way to do this is to contact Kyle at k.ritenauer@gmail.com. He will then post your information and students who are interested can contact you. Stan is not in charge of setting up any activities so please go through the appropriate channels. If you do happen to notice any students who seem to be having adjustment issues there are a couple of Associate members who are willing to provide counseling. Should this occur do contact Stan.

Approximately 30 students will need to be picked up and driven to Hancock so we really need drivers. Doug is in charge of setting this up so he will be sending out a request asking for how many students you can fit in your vehicle and your preferred times. Almost all the students will be arriving on Sunday, June 14th. Spending an hour in the car with students provides an excellent opportunity to get to know them personally and opens up a door for future activities. If you are picking up students be sure and contact them several days ahead of time using texts rather than emails. Also, either have a sign or be wearing a piece of clothing with the School logo so you can be easily identified. Depending on the arrival time students may be hungry, although sandwiches will be available in both Devenish and Tamarack later in the afternoon. Since the students without cars need a few days to establish connections to go grocery shopping please stop someplace in Ellsworth so they can purchase a few days' worth of food. You will take the students to Tamarack and after they get checked in please deliver them to wherever they will be staying. Lorraine has volunteered to manage the departures which will be on July 27th.

There are several students who have problems with nuts and one student who has a severe nut allergy, not only with eating foods that contain nuts but also being anywhere near nuts.

Please inform any students you pick up about this issue and caution them about their food purchases.

The Welcome Supper will be on Monday, July 15th at 5:30 in the Forest Studio. Dianne has organized this with her usual efficiency and Trudi has volunteered to help. Pizza and drinks will be furnished to the students and there has been an excellent response for bringing salads and desserts. Please bring your contributions between 4 and 4:30 but don't plan on staying. Please use only disposable containers. If not, it is a real problem trying to track down your serving dishes. We talked about bringing some plastic take out containers also so if you have any hanging around your house you can bring them for leftovers that can be taken back to the dorms. Dianne has indicated that she no longer wants to be in charge of this event so please consider contacting her if you wish to help in the future. If this appeals to you it might be helpful for you to participate in the setup procedures this year to see how it all works. The students have their first rehearsal right after the meal.

Mary Vauthy has the sectional dinners all organized -- Saturday, June 20th. This is such a fun event for both the students and the hosts as everyone gets to know one another. Any food or animal issues will be sent to the hosts well ahead of time so they can do some menu planning – note the paragraph about nuts. Then, after the students arrive, one of the students in each section will be selected to be the liaison between the section and the host. This person will contact the host for driving directions, etc. Remember to not serve alcohol to anyone under 21 and to make sure that if someone drinks they do it responsibly and a designated driver is chosen. The School will have a medical doctor this year to talk with students about how to avoid injuries from over playing. He will be meeting with them that Saturday from 2-4 so please don't start any dinners before 5.

David Katz was scheduled to do a presentation about Charles Bruck on Wednesday June 17th but he has had to cancel. Stan and Tiffany are planning something else for that evening but as of the Associates meeting what this will be had not yet been determined. It is mandatory for all students and Associates and subscribers are invited to attend. It is a free event and will begin at 5:00.

After the meeting we adjourned for some refreshments and visiting. Thanks for everything that you do. This group is what helps to make the difference between the Monteux School and other music festivals.

Mary