

Minutes
FL – ASTA BREAKFAST
Friday, January 9, 2009
Sheraton Riverwalk Hotel. Tampa

8:15AM Call to order

ASTA Mission Statement: The American String Teachers Association enriches people's lives by supporting string and orchestra teaching and playing. **Was read**

Introduction of State Officers **Melissa Lesnik President Elect (honeymoon), Jessica Talbott Past President, all chairs were recognized**

Breakfast and performance by Three National Solo Competition Semi-Finalists **Introduced by Simon Shiao**

Ethan Peretz, guitarist

Teacher: John Parris

Matthew Allen, cellist

Teacher: Greg Sauer

Miriam Barfield, violist

Teacher: Pamela Ryan

Approve Minutes from Summer Meeting in Orlando

Motion to approve Judy Evan / 2nd Jessica Talbott

Treasurer's Report **Around \$4,700k (a little less due to expenses)**

Old Business: FOA/ASTA Summer Conference **Moved to October, 2009**

South Florida Cellobration took place on Sat. Nov 1 by Claudio Jaffe at St. Anderw's School in Boca Raton **Scott Klusdale, Clinician**

Fall Newsletter came out in September

Our new website is complete. Go to flasta.org **Professional web designer Kelly Curry; updates to be done by Ben Salisbury**

Our new FL-ASTA Directories are complete

Bergonzi Workshop Jan 2-4 **Jody Atwood participated in event**

Friday afternoon FMEA conference sessions by ASTA members Nick Curry and Matt Davis

New Business: Commission Project: The FL-ASTA has contracted Richard Meyer to commission a piece for next year's 7 & 8 All-State String Orchestra

Bylaws update **no changed needed according to research done by Jody Atwood**

Viola Day: Monday, January 19, at Baron Collier H.S. in Naples

National Conference: Atlanta, Georgia, March 19-21. Ross Harbough and Pamela Ryan will be presenting some sessions.

Chris Miller is taking the Chiles H.S. Orchestra to perform at the National H.S. Festival in Atlanta

Asked for FL-ASTA sponsor, Board said yes

State Basket **Jessica Talbott volunteered to put the basket together**

Judy Evans part of national ASTA curriculum

Barbara Cripe and Suling Caraballo starting certificate program in Tampa

Potters and Coda bow deadlines are in April, information on the ASTA website

Central Florida Cellobration, April 24th and 25th

Newsletter will go out in May. Articles due in April.

Presentation of awards Nancy Beebe

Service Award – Jessica Talbott

Distinguished Service – Art Prano (presented by Lisa Hopko)

Lifetime Achievement – Jody Atwood

Good of the Order

History of ASTA Available – contact Jody Atwood

Fall Workshop – October 23rd

Pam Ryan – 3 Violas visiting FSU

Nick Curry – Matt Hermuens (Cellist) to North Florida with master class

Jody Atwood – Helga Winald – South Florida, Lakeland and Tampa. 8 & 9 in Miami for Masters Classes

ASTA Member Jennifer Rhodes is the new FOA President Elect

Florida Guitar workshop in Tampa, February 28th

Our next meeting will take place October 23rd at our FOA/ASTA Fall Workshop

Motion to adjourn Pam Ryan, 2nd Ben Salsbury