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2018-19 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Jack Hostetler
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Treasurer: Clay Witt
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Librarian: Wayne Finger
Membership: Julie Morlock
Newsletter: Mary-Ann Hostetler
Reporter: Howard Sanford
Webmaster: Clay Witt

Chairpersons' Message:



Jack Hostetler- Chairperson

Our January 2019 meeting in Tampa was a great success! We had 90 attendees, visited 4 open house collections, toured the historic Tampa Theater, and got the planning committee for the 2021 MBSI Annual meeting organized and rolling.

We visited Howard Wyman's collection Friday evening, Martin and Marilou VanZanten's and the Norman Bauer/John Martin collections Saturday afternoon. Then Saturday evening we enjoyed a wonderful dinner and tour of Mark Yaffe's amazing collection. Sunday we toured the Historic Tampa Theater. At the meeting we elected Mark Yaffee as Planning Committee Chair, and Craig Darlak volunteered to serve as Co-Chair. So we are off and running!

Jack Hostetler

Upcoming Chapter Events!

Apr.5 -7, 2019 Chapter meeting (Plus MBSI Trustees Mtg.) Joint with COAA, Naples, Fl.
Organizer: Bob Yates

Oct. 2019 Chapter Fall meeting - Tentative

Jan. 2020 Chapter meeting Joint with Piedmont, Pensacola, Fl . **Organizer:** Vernon Gantt

May 2020 Chapter meeting in Tuscaloosa, Al.
Organizer: Jamie Brewer

August 2021 72nd MBSI Annual Meeting, - Florida



The Web Corner

By Clay Witt, Chapter Webmaster

Have you visited our chapter's website lately? You can find it at: www.mbsise.org. There is a page with links to lots of photos of events gone by ("Past Events"). Chances are you may find yourself here!

There is a lot more too. Just a few examples are a page you can refer friends to who might like to join MBSI ("Join MBSI"), links to other websites of interest to mechanical music collectors ("Links"), a page with a calendar of upcoming MBSI national and chapter events ("Future Events"), a page with information about books members can check out from the chapter library and how to do that ("Library"), and more! So visit our website from time to time. We think you will enjoy it.

Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)



. The winter meeting of the Southeast Chapter was held January 19, 2019 in Tampa, FL.

Chair Jack Hostetler called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and began by presenting a plaque to outgoing chair Judy Miller thanking her for her two years of service as chapter chair. He then noted that following the meeting, the chapter would discuss preliminary plans for hosting the annual meeting in 2021.

Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported that there were currently 102 memberships in the chapter (five members had not renewed at national), and she would be sending out dues notices next week. She reported the passing of chapter member Jerry L. Christner; a motion was made and accepted to send a memorial gift to the Endowment Fund in his honor. Margery Sanford reported that former chapter member June Edwards, widow of Dr. Bob Edwards, had passed away. Julie acknowledged the large number of first time attendees and guests: Janet Connolly and Tom James from Bonita Springs, FL; Owen and Virginia Christiansen from The Villages, FL; Walter Kehoe and Carol Palin from New Port Richey, FL; Mike and Penny Kinter from Marshall, MI; Wayne Derrick from Tampa, FL (potential new MBSI member); James Wilke from Baltimore, MD; Ron Arlotta from Holiday, FL; and Chuck Newby from Oldsmar, FL. There were 90 people registered for the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting held October 27, 2018 in Titusville, FL were approved as printed in the last issue of *The Southeast Rag*.

Treasurer's Report: Chair Jack Hostetler reported that Treasurer Clay Witt had sent him the report, but he was unable to show it due to technical difficulties. A motion was made and approved to accept the report as sent to the Chair. Jack said we were in good standing.

Registration: Julie Morlock reminded attendees to wear their badges to the Sunday morning tour of the Tampa Theatre and she would collect them after the tour.

Librarian: Wayne Finger reported that the library was active, with lots of books to check out; he reviewed the check-out process and passed around lists of available books. He brought several books (*Musical Boxes*, *Musical Clocks*, and guides to the museums in Utrecht and St. Croix). He encouraged members to take advantage of the library, and to donate books to the library (extra copies would be given away at the next meeting).

Newsletter: Jack Hostetler asked that any input for *The Southeast Rag* be sent to Mary-Ann Hostetler within the next several weeks.

Bill Zaiser reported that in 2018 Kevin McElhone (MBSGB) had come out with supplements to both *The Organette Book* and *The Disc Music Box*, and had sent copies to Nancy Fratti for sale (\$50.00 or \$95.00 for two, including shipping).

Future Chapter Meetings: Vice-Chair John Leuenberger reported on the following:

April 5-7, 2019 - Spring Chapter Meeting in Naples, FL (in conjunction with the Trustees Meeting). Organizer Bob Yates discussed visits to the the collections of Bill Edgerton, Norm Dolder and Bill Griffin, and Jarda Dvorak, and promised fascinating entertainment.

January 2020 - Winter Chapter Meeting: Joint meeting with Piedmont Chapter, organized by Vernon Gantt, with visits to the collections of Bob and Anita Wingerd, and John and Nattaya Leuenberger. The hotel will be in Pensacola (midway between the collections).

John requested a volunteer to organize the fall 2019 chapter meeting.

Mark Yaffe gave directions to his collection and discussed the dinner that night; Julie Morlock reminded attendees to split up for the afternoon open houses; Martin van Zanten discussed carpooling to the open houses and parking issues; and Jack Hostetler offered to give a ride to anyone in need.

Annual Meeting 2021:

Ron Bopp reported on the survey he sent out to COAA members about the possibility of a joint convention with MBSI in 2021. Major concerns were where to hold it and dates. The majority of those responding did not want to do it over Labor Day (primarily due to outside temperatures when holding organ rallies). COAA usually holds their national meeting in the winter months, with a business meeting, lectures, open houses and a rally. Discussion followed about possible dates to hold the meeting; Jack Hostetler said we will continue to work on this.

Cotton Morlock suggested electing a 2021 annual meeting chair and then have the chair get with COAA and national to discuss the meeting. Jack Hostetler reported that Mark Yaffe had volunteered; he was elected by the chapter.

Linda Alster thanked Howard Wyman for his open house Friday evening.

Jack Hostetler reviewed annual meeting committees needing to be filled, including audio-visual and collections/special tours. He then discussed possible locations, primarily Sarasota and Ft. Myers. Cotton Morlock noted the location depended on the available collections and length of bus tours, but the biggest problem was finding a hotel to meet our needs (banquet, meeting rooms, etc.). Beatrice Farmer suggested

Ft. Myers would have better prices at the end of September/beginning of October. Mark Yaffe reported that Joel Jancko was willing to host an open house, and Rhonda Schuman also offered to host an open house. Wayne Myers noted that there was a lot of new building in the Sarasota area, so hotels there could be a possibility; Mary Ellen Myers noted that a previous chapter meeting in Sarasota with COAA had been successful, Bill Hall's collection would be closer for COAA and there are a lot of things to do in the Sarasota area. Ron Bopp reported that Bill Hall would be willing to host an open house. Wayne Finger suggested that the committee needed more information before being able to make decisions; Criag Darlak suggested choosing the collections first.

Following discussion as to identifying a committee to make these decisions, Cotton Morlock noted that the annual meeting chair appoints the committee chairs, and that group makes the decisions. Jack Hostetler asked for volunteers to fill committees. Mark Yaffe suggested that we identify the available collections, then decide the location and possibly offer more tour days, and asked for ideas.

Mary Ellen Myers presented an idea for a table favor. Claire Zaiser suggested that one table favor per couple is enough; Sally Craig mentioned that sometimes the couple receives favors with different tunes; Mary-Ann Hostetler noted that extras were used as doorprizes at The Villages Holiday Exhibit; Sally Craig noted that one table favor is to be sent to the American Treasure Tour for display; she also suggested a company that makes gold-plated magnets or ornaments for "save-the-date" promotions. Discussion followed concerning hotels; Jack Hostetler said all possibilities will be pursued.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Howard Wyman's Collection



The Nickelodeon



Howard Pedals his Piano

Martin & Marylou Van Zanten's Collection



Trolley Model



Sailing Ship



Locomotive Model



Garage Work Shop

Norman Baer/John Martin Collection



Living Room



Tangly Calliope

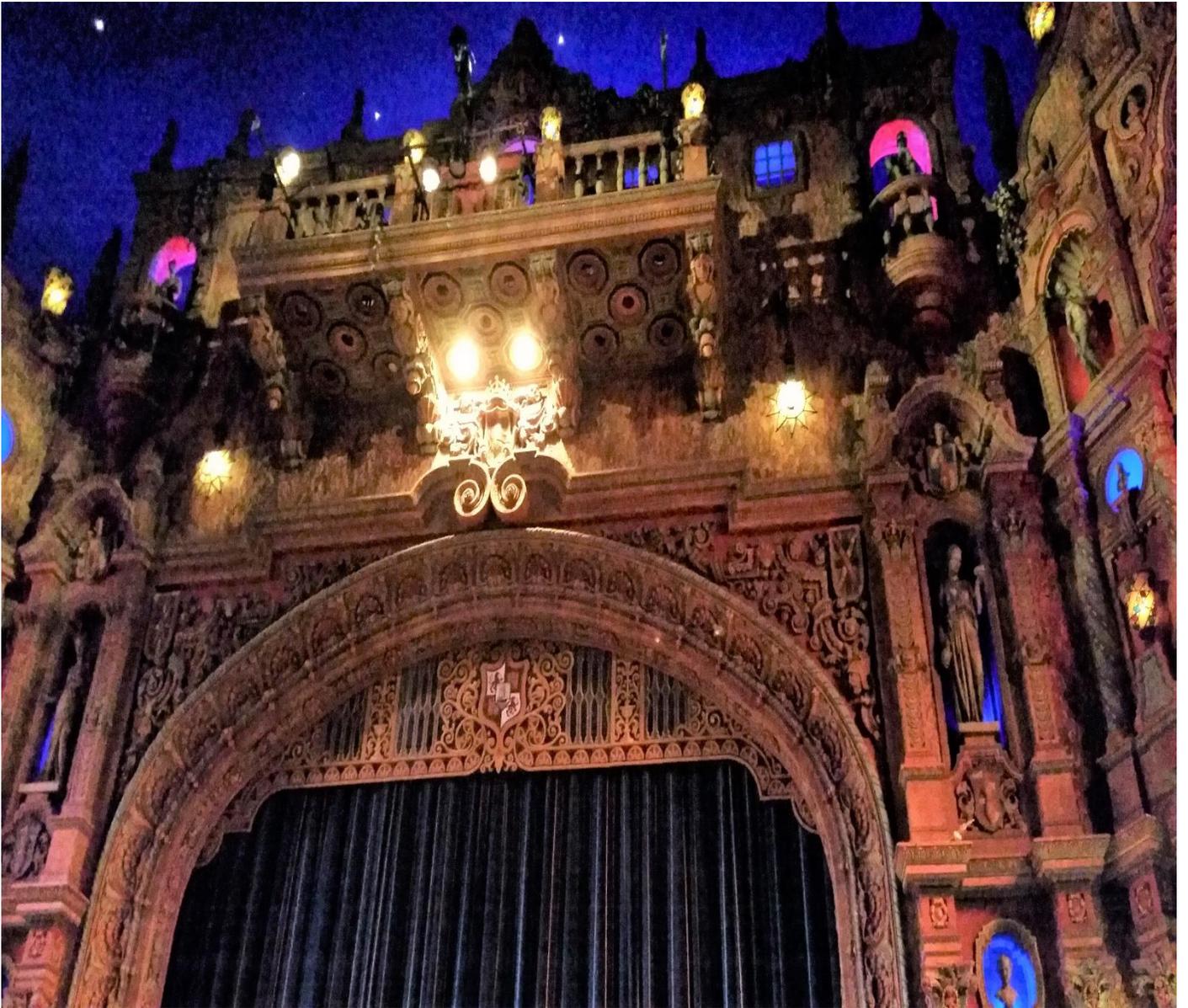


View from Kitchen

Mark & Christel Yaffe Collection



The Historic Tampa Theater Tour



The magnificent Tampa Theater tour was a wonderful trip back in time to when enjoying a movie at the theater was a more elegant occasion.

MECHANICAL MUSIC FOR SALE

20-note Raffin with 6 rolls, \$4,500.00

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