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2020 -2021 Chapter Officers:

Chair: Jack Hostetler
Vice Chair: Jim Kracht
Secretary: Julie Morlock
Treasurer: Clay Witt PRO TEMP
Chair Emeritus: Mary Ellen Myers

Committee Leaders:

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

Chairpersons' Message:



Our second Business meeting happened using virtual ZOOM this year finally October 24. The ZOOM technology had some "hitches" but worked well enough for the meeting to be very productive. (see detailed Meeting Minutes below.) The Pandemic has made many organizations like ours cancel or offer meetings in virtual format. Live events here at The Villages are slowly picking up, but because of the pandemic our Christmas Show this December has been canceled. We will have to do virtual events till the virus is under control. We are planning some virtual events featuring tours of member collections in 2021. Some might include a business meeting, some will not. Virtual meetings can be attended using computer or cell phone. The RAG will be published after business meetings. COAA, in conjunction with AMICA, MBSI NE Chapter and National Carousel Organization has started offering live virtual events of Mechanical Music Machines on a regular basis. Go to **YOUTUBE: "The Wonders of Mechanical Music and Carousels"** **Subscribed** to see some recorded videos. We will let you know when live events are scheduled.

Upcoming Chapter Events to be announced.

The Christmas show in The Villages has been cancelled due to Virus.

Jan. TBA Virtual tour by Craig Darlack .

Feb. TBA Virtual Tour by Wayne Finger.

Mar. TBA Virtual Business Mtg. with tour by Jim Kracht

Jack Hostetler Chapter Chair

Chapter Meeting (by Julie Morlock)

The virtual fall meeting of the Southeast Chapter was called to order at 3:39 pm on October 24, 2020 by Chair Jack Hostetler.

Membership Report: Julie Morlock reported that there were currently 98 memberships in the chapter, and **noted the passing of Mary Pollock, and Mark and Millie Cohn.** A motion was made and



approved to send donations to the Endowment Fund in their

memory. Discussion followed that Howard and Margery Sanford had written an obituary about Mary, the Hostetlers have a new address and Clay Witt's email had changed. Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting held January 25, 2020 in Pensacola, FL were approved as

printed in the last issue of the Southeast Rag. **Treasurer's Report:** Clay Witt reported that

we have assets of \$3,730.43 in the checking account, Tervis Inventory (at cost) of \$2,032.93

and Table Favor Inventory (at cost) of \$7,118.34 for a total of \$12,881.70. We show a loss of

\$581.55 (the majority of registration fees for the January 2020 meeting were received in

fiscal year 2019, but most of the related expenses were paid in this fiscal year; this accounts

for \$268.68 of the loss shown for fiscal year 2020 and there have been no subsequent

events to raise funds due to the pandemic). **Registrar's Report:** No report for this meeting.

Library Report: Wayne Finger reported that the library is fully functional; send him an email

request and you will receive it in the mail about a week later. Wayne highlighted several

books: Fantastic European Organs by member Ron Bopp, The Disc Musical-Box Handbook,

The Cylinder Musical-Box Handbook, and Put Another Nickel In. He suggested using the

library while everyone is at home and has time to read. **New Business:** Elections: Chair Jack

Hostetler reported that John Leuenberger is stepping down as Vice Chair and that Jim

Kracht volunteered to take the position; Jim has many years experience working with

nonprofit groups, including the Florida Council of the Blind. Jack asked for other

nominations; as there were none, a group vote approved Jim as Vice Chair. Jack Hostetler

offered to continue as Chair for another year; with no other nominations, a group vote

approved Jack to continue as Chair. Clay Witt has agreed to continue as Treasurer until the

virus situation is resolved, but will be stepping down then; he asked for a volunteer to take

the position. Judy Miller was nominated but declined. Clay will continue until someone

volunteers. Future Chapter Meetings: Vice Chair John Leuenberger reported that meetings

planned for January 2021 (with COAA and Bill Hall) and spring 2021 (with Jamie Brewer in

Tuscaloosa) have been cancelled due to the virus. Chair Jack Hostetler lead a discussion of

how to conduct meetings until the virus situation is resolved, suggesting that someone take

over setting up Zoom meetings, and include videos of machines (from members showing

their collections -video/Ipad - or from YouTube). Wayne Finger suggested that we have a

once-a-month home visit with different members showing their collection. Craig Darlak

agreed to provide a video for a January meeting, Wayne Finger volunteered for a February meeting and Jim Kracht will do one for a March meeting. Jim Kracht will follow up on arranging the meetings. **Newsletter:** Chair Jack Hostetler asked what to do about the newsletter if we are having virtual meetings. Wayne Finger pointed out that minutes must be published for approval by the membership; if there is no business meeting, we don't need to issue a newsletter. Marilou van Zanten asked if we would stick to the schedule of business meetings (according to our bylaws) in the winter, spring, and fall with a newsletter and published minutes, as some members don't use the computer and can't join virtual meetings. Jim Kracht suggested having an official virtual chapter meeting in March or April to discuss business and then send out a newsletter, as well as letting members know that they can connect to virtual meetings by phone. Jack Hostetler suggested a section for buyers looking for machines be included in the newsletter. Annual Meeting 2021: Mark Yaffe reported that the hotel has been secured but there is no exit clause (the contract was made before the virus). A tentative schedule has been drafted, we have menus for various meals, buses have been secured (with a 30 day cancellation), and banquet entertainment is lined up (depending on travel issues from Europe). Jim Kracht asked if national wants us to continue planning for the meeting; Mark said the chapter is continuing with plans, and Cotton said the meetings committee is continuing to plan for the meeting. Jim offered to look at the hotel contract exit clause; Mark noted that there is a sliding scale for cancellations. Cotton Morlock suggested a meeting of committee heads be held at the convention hotel sometime before the meeting, as we need to look at the hotel layout and plan where things will be set up; Mark suggested sometime between March and May. Discussion followed. Wayne Finger asked for information on schedules, speakers, tours, etc. before the end of the year for the ad he will put in the January/February issue of the Journal; all information needs to be settled by April so the registration can be sent out. Julie Morlock asked for information by the end of January to begin working on registration for the meeting. Warren Officer is working on a list of speakers/workshops for the meeting. Discussion followed about possible speakers and the virus; at this point we need to continue planning and cancel if necessary. Clay noted that if we cancel, we skip 2021 and just go back into the regular schedule for hosting an annual meeting; the 2022 meeting is already planned for California. Bob Smith led a discussion on advertising the meeting and inviting nonmembers/locals to view the exhibits and the mart as a way to attract new members. Mary Ellen Myers reported that the table favors are completed except for putting on labels with the year (that will be done closer to the meeting), and thanked the team for all their hard work on the favors; Mark Yaffe has offered storage space for the favors. Mary Ellen suggested a matching game for the Hospitality Room involving baby/childhood pictures of the Southeast Chapter members; an email will be sent out later explaining this and requesting photos. Mary-Ann Hostetler requested ideas for center pieces. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.



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"), which was just updated with pictures from our Fall 2019 chapter meeting in Titusville, FL. 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"), which was just updated with pictures from our Fall 2019 chapter meeting in Titusville, FL. 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.



Library Report by Dr.Wayne Finger-Librarian

"Your chapter library is active and has some great books available for you. There are currently 68 books available for checkout. 1 book is out on loan to a chapter member. No books are overdue. Please visit the chapter webpage for a complete list of the books available for checkout. To check a book out, just email the librarian from the webpage. The books are mailed to you at no charge. You return them by mail or at a chapter meeting."

Submitted by Margery Sanford:

We regret to report the passing of long term (35+)yrs MBSI members, Millie and Mark Cohn of Hollywood, Fla. Mark (age 86) died in July 2019 and Millie (age94) in Oct 2019. They were a wonderful, friendly,outgoing couple. Their huge collection or reproducing grand pianos and Persian carpets was amazing. Millie was the principal of a large local Junior High School and our chapter “reporter” for many years. Her write-ups were a pleasure to read-real works of art. Mark was known as the jovial big guy with the fire engine calliope who helped many charity organizations with his music and was the perfect Santa Claus each Dec.

They will be greatly missed.

Thank-you Margery

Greatly missed will be **Mary Pollack** who always attended our gatherings and was a great bus captain, very active, and lots of fun.

Directory Changes

Address Change:

Jack & Mary-Ann Hostetler
2640 Trillium Ridge, Apt. 2105
The Villages, FL 32163

Cell 352-801-6580

Email Changes:

Clay Witt - clay@floridaclay.net
Jim Kracht - jameskkracht@gmail.com

Phone Change:

David Leiman - delete home phone #

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