

NWSMTA
General Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 9:55 a.m. by **President Vonnie Mrozinski**.

Since the minutes were not sent out with the NWSMTA newsletter, they will be sent out with the next one. Members should read them and they will be approved at the March meeting.

Treasurer Jeanie Carter reports that she is working to straighten out the 3 different tax I.D. numbers that we have. She has sent 1099 forms to the clinicians. She has received a check for \$50 from ISMTA for the award given to the group having the highest number of attendees at the state convention. Jeanie reminds members to write checks to N.W.S.M.T.A., not the Student Foundation of N.W.S.M.T.A.

1st Vice-President and Program Chairperson, Suzanne Murray, reported that our own member, Fran Evans, will present the program today: "From the Classroom to the Piano Studio -- Applications of Orff, Kodaly & Dalcroze." Our next speaker will be Kevin Olson. Suzanne reminded members to sign up for the April 12 teachers' musicale. Also, she has extra copies of the handout from the program on the Alexander Technique, if anyone is interested.

2nd Vice-President and Membership Chairperson, Joan James, reports that we have 122 members at present -- there are 11 new members, and she will meet with Vonnie to discuss combining the 3 different membership lists that are currently in circulation. Members are reminded to let Joan know if they are not receiving emails from MTNA & ISMTA. There will be a new member coffee on February 26th at the home of Mary Anne Block.

Vonnie introduced new member, Sarah Mo.

AIM -- 229 students were enrolled in the exams which took place January 31. There was some difficulty dealing with the large number of entrants, and the committee is discussing new ideas for next year, such as holding the exams over 2 days, and looking into how the other chapters run theirs. The

committee also plans to discuss a more consistent grading system, perhaps hold a mock grading meeting, and go over the key together. There are still 9 Level XII students remaining to take the exams -- only one is giving a recital. Marie Rutter is contacting teachers and will hold three exams on March 13 at her home. She is looking for another teacher to offer a studio and is suggesting April 10 as a possible second date. She is in need of timekeepers for those dates. There will be a work meeting at Suzanne Fleer's home a week from Thursday.

AWARDS -- The new entry forms are on the back table. Members are reminded that the deadline for the concerto competition is March 1 -- Brenda needs to reserve the orchestral parts. The Ravel Concerto needs to be taken off the list. Constance Hughes is procuring judges. The Awards deadline is March 17.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS -- The committee will be performing the duet "Cherished Memories," which was composed by Melody Bober, for the family of Margaret Lindegard, on March 14 at Steinway in Northbrook. Marcia Mally will also present the family with a framed copy of the sheet music. The list of repertoire for the festival will be handed out at next month's meeting.

LIBRARY -- Suzanne Fleer has purchased two new books: *The Well Tempered Keyboard Teacher, and Professional Piano Teaching*. She has also replaced the videos from the Alfred Series by Maurice Hinson with DVD's.

LUNCHEON -- Helen Lo Bosco and Joan James met for lunch at Biaggis and made adjustments -- the luncheon will be \$26 per person, and includes a family style meal with dessert and beverages, and a fashion show by Coldwater Creek. Helen requests volunteers for help with favors & decorating. The flyer and form is on the website, and she will bring some to the next meeting.

PLACEMENT -- Joan Drolet has received one call.

RECITALS -- Miyoung Kim will host the April 18 recital. The deadline for entry is March 28. Miyoung's address and email are on the addendum from 10/31/09.

WEB SITE -- Beverly Taylor asks members to check email -- at least once or twice monthly she will be sending our newsletter through Constant Contact. Beverly & Deb Lynch will be collaborating on the newsletter. Only 54% of our members are opening the newsletter. Vonnie will now be forwarding the minutes & treasurer's report to the newsletter so members may read & approve them.

WORKSHOP -- Denise Dolins has flyers on the back table to hand out to your students

OLD BUSINESS -- none

NEW BUSINESS -- A committee was selected to meet and nominate officers for the upcoming election of President, 1st Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Past President Fran Onley, Marcia Mally, Joan James, Maureen Flood & Suzanne Fler volunteered.

Vonnie read an email from Helen Chang requesting an accompanist for an Elgin Academy performance of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" on March 5th & 6th.

Vonnie read the email from www.LessonMaestro.com, which is offering a free one-year membership, and after that, \$39 per year.

ISMATA State President Helen Grosshans read her letter encouraging members to attend the national conference in Albuquerque. Helen also reminds members to vote in the MTNA elections. She also mentions that there might be a slight delay in receiving AIM materials.

Vonnie informed members about the West Suburban MTA workshop coming up on February 24th at Wheaton College. There will be an afternoon piano duo performance and an evening master class.

Janice Wilkans announced that one of her student families is selling a Gulbransen spinet piano for \$500--call Marla at 847-222-9964 if interested.

Vonnie asked members to suggest ways to spend the \$50 we have received for having the highest number of members at the ISMATA convention. Some

suggestions were:

- Money to be used to offset costs of the luncheon
- Van for members to ride to state convention
- Raffle off tickets to a concert
- Gift for member of the year
- Fine Arts Circle membership
- Tuning fees for an event
- Donation to Haiti
- Donation to the library
- Gift basket at luncheon
- Lawn passes at Ravinia
- Purchase more books for the library
- Promote the philosophy of NWSMTA

Marcia Mally reminded the group that the Festival of Pianos committee is using only \$1000 of the \$1500 donated to NWSMTA from the Margaret Lindegard donation, and Vonnie suggested that the matter be discussed among their committee. It was stated that the gift was to go to NWSMTA, not just the Festival of Pianos, but with the length of the meeting, it was decided to be discussed at a later date.

Joan Drolet moved to adjourn the meeting, Bev Taylor seconded -- the meeting was adjourned.