

NWSMTA
General Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2010

President Vonnie Mrozinski called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Vonnie asked if there were corrections or additions to the November minutes -- none were stated, so Suzanne Fler moved to accept the minutes, and Marie Rutter seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Vonnie reminded members to please read through their minutes, which are being emailed.

Vonnie reminded members that if their event is completed, they can turn in their end-of-year reports already. Members are instructed to keep track of their yellow sheets from Check requests & deposits to treasurer.

Treasurer Jeanie Carter is not in attendance today, but reported to Vonnie that she has done electronic filing with the IRS. She wanted to remind members that all checks should be made out to "N.W.S.M.T.A.," not the Student Foundation.

1st Vice President & Program Chair Suzanne Murray said she still has copies of the handout from the November meeting on the Alexander Technique. Today's speaker, Beth Bauer, will address working with special needs students. Her bio is in the newsletter. Next month's program will be presented by our own member, Fran Evens, who will speak on using Orff, Kodaly and Dalcroze in the private music studio.

2nd Vice President and Membership Chair Joan James introduced two guests. She is thinking of holding a new member coffee in February for people who have joined late, or for any new members who are interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIM:

The judges' and workers' schedules will be emailed -- there are close to 230 entries.

The judges' meeting will be held January 25th.

The AIM theory exam will be held January 31st.

Members were reminded that Helen Chang has a new address.

Level I & II pins are available now.

More AIM helpers/volunteers are needed -- please let committee know if you are able to help on that day.

AIM workbooks are available in the back of the room today.

The deadline for the Performance exam is one week after the January exam, on February 7th. Please send 2 copies of the enrollment form to Marie Rutter and one copy of the repertoire sheet for each student.

Because of the high enrollment, it is possible that Level XII repertoire will not be heard on that day -- a later date will be arranged with 2 judges for those students who are not heard.

AWARDS: The new entry forms are available now.

CERTIFICATION: Janice Razaq is not here, but notified Vonnie of our newly certified member: Mary Anne Block.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS: The committee has obtained a draft of Melody Bober's composition in honor of Margaret Lindegard. It will be played for members at the end of the business meeting today. The list of festival repertoire will be available in March. The deadline for entry is June 30. The festival is scheduled for October 2nd & 3rd. Northbrook Court management has designated that weekend "Festival Weekend."

HOSPITALITY: Janice Wilkans has sent out a sympathy card for Pat Cavers' passing to the family, and she received a letter from the husband of Geraldine Grady, who was president from 1970-72, stating that she had died in August.

LIBRARY: Suzanne Fleeer says that people are not using the library. She will put an article in the newsletter, reminding people of its availability. There are 2 overdue items. She has purchased 2 new books for the library: *What Every Pianist Needs to Know About the Body* and *Chopin - Pianist & Teacher, as Seen by His Students.*

LUNCHEON: Helen LoBosco reported that she is close to finalizing the financial contract for Biaggi's -- the menu will be served family style, and includes an appetizer, salad, entrée, dessert & beverage for \$30. Coldwater Creek will be presenting a fashion show at no extra charge. The restaurant will be open early so we can hold our business meeting at 10:30 a.m. before

the luncheon.

WORKSHOP: Denise Dolins has 100 posters advertising the workshop, and asked for volunteers to distribute them at various churches & music stores. There are flyers on the back table to distribute to students -- she will also email flyers to members. Tickets to the recital are \$5. Denise held a raffle for free tickets, and Joan James & Suzanne Murray won.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Janice Razaq & Olga Bornovalova will be playing the Mozart Sonata in D for 2 pianos at the Harper Chamber Music Festival this Saturday, January 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at Harper College. Tickets will be available at the door.

Helen Grosshans announced a recital by Chung Ha Kim, which will be held at 12 noon on Thursday, January 28, in the PAC at Harper. It is a free recital.

Vonnie warned again about internet scams that are targeting piano teachers, and reported that MTNA is looking into how www.lessonratings.com obtained our mailing list of teachers. She also wants to know about web sites that teachers are using and having success with.

Helen reported that Illinois had two 1st place winners in junior division piano and senior strings, and also composition winners in the junior and senior levels who will represent Illinois at the MTNA conference.

Diane Adamek asked if we could use an old form for the Awards competition, since she was unable to download the new form.

Janice Wilkans asked if she could enroll a student for a flute scholarship, and Vonnie said she will follow up with Cheryl Buller.

There being no further new business, Marcia Mally made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Joan Drolet seconded. Meeting was adjourned.