

NWSMTA
General Meeting Minutes
November 30, 2009

President Vonnie Mrozinski called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved from the October meeting -- there were no additions or corrected. Marie Rutter moved to approve the minutes, and Kathy Sbarboro seconded the motion.

Members looked over the Treasurer's report. Rick Lowe recommended that we go with the 18 month CD with Edward Jones for our investment of \$8000. We will still have \$1300 in our money market account. Deb Lynch made a motion to agree with Rick's plan, and Marilyn Crosland seconded that motion. There were 21 members present, making up the 20% of the active membership needed to take a vote. The vote was unanimous, and Rick can proceed.

1st Vice-President and Program Chair, Suzanne Murray, advised members to read Claudia Peyton's biography in our newsletter, and reminded members of the Holiday Party, which will take place at Deb Lynch's home next week, December 7th. Members should bring a white elephant gift, cookies to share, and a donation to PHD. Directions to Deb's house are in the newsletter. Suzanne also announced our January speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Bauer, will present on the inclusion of students with disabilities in the piano studio, which was the topic of her doctoral thesis.

2nd Vice-President and Membership Chair, Joan James, reported that we have 121 members, 14 new members, and 3 new in October. She introduced new member, Marilyn Babjak, to the group, and announced that everyone should pick up an addendum in the back of the room. She called attention to Helen Chang's information, which has changed since the printing of the yearbook.

Committee Reports:

AIM theory, performance -- Fran Onley reported that enrollment is up, a total of 70 students took the exam. She thanked her committee and all the volunteers for their participation in the event. She announced that medals & tests were available in the back of the room at the AIM table.

Awards Competition -- no report

Festival of Pianos -- Marcia Mally reported that Northbrook Court has already set the date for the 2010 Festival, and will call it "Festival Weekend." Marcia has been in touch with Melody Bober & E.L. Lancaster regarding the work commissioned by our group in memory of Margaret Lindegard.

Finance -- no report

Guidebook -- no report

Historian -- no report

Hospitality -- no report

Independent Music Teachers' Forum -- no report

Library -- please return any library materials to Harper faculty, who will pass them on to Suzanne Flear.

Luncheon -- Helen LoBosco has been looking into booking Biaggi's Restaurant at Deer Park for our luncheon, as well as talking to representatives of Coldwater Creek, who would be willing to have a fashion show, with members of our group modeling the clothing line, for no charge. Joan James volunteered to co-chair, since she lives in Deer Park.

Mentors -- no report

Music Link -- no report

Music Sales -- no report

Parliamentarian -- no report

Placement -- no report

Publicity -- no report

Recitals -- no report

Scholarship -- no report

Sonata-sonatina Festival -- Genya thanked Marcia Mally & Helen LoBosco for their help at the Gold Medal Recital

Vision Committee -- no report

Website -- no report

Workshop -- Denise Dolins held a drawing for 15% of the registration fee and announced that it was transferable. She reported that Catherine Kautsky, our clinician, will narrate her pieces during her performance, which will include repertoire from the romantic era.

Yearbook -- no report

OLD BUSINESS

Members shared their impressions and favorite presenters from the Illinois State Music Teachers' Convention

NEW BUSINESS

The winner of the Steinway Educators' Scholarship/Grant is Jeanne Slatkay, who will use her scholarship money to help with student needs, because of the economy.

Helen Grosshans held a drawing for a copy of "The Right Notes," a book of historical tidbits published by Alfred.

Marie Rutter reminded members that if anyone has questions or wishes to use repertoire not included on the AIM syllabus, please direct your questions to her or to Suzanne Flier.

Vonnie announced the Steinway Piano Construction Seminar which will be held on December 12 from 10 - 11 a.m. Information is available on the back table.

There is a new music store in Arlington Heights called "All that Jazz," at 20 S.

Dunton Avenue.

The November 2009 MTNA e-journal is now available online.

Vonnie reminded members again about the email scam which is being directed at piano teachers.

Genya had an extra ticket for the CSO Brahms concert.

Vonnie reminded members to turn in their budget forms and job description updates as soon as they are done with their event.

Several members of our group will be performing in the Harper College Ensemble Concert on December 12th.

Deb Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting -- Joan Drolet seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.