

NWSMTA
General Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2009

President Vonnie Mrozinski called the meeting to order

Members were asked to read and approve the minutes from the May meeting -- There were no corrections or additions. Mary Anne Block moved to approve them, and Kathryn Sbarboro seconded the motion.

Treasurer, Jeanie Carter, reported that the treasurer's report will be emailed with the minutes from now on. She reminded committee members to send their receipts to the chairpersons in order to prepare their year-end report & budget. Only one signature will be required on checks from now on. Jeanie will file the annual report to ISMTA this week and contact Keith Jensen for the annual review. Jeanie reported that she will need to file paperwork for the IRS. She informed membership of the voting of the board to keep annual reports and budgets and purge all old records, except for the past 3 fiscal years.

1st Vice President Suzanne Murray announced programs for the year, and encouraged members to come to the Christmas party at Deb Lynch's home, and encouraged members to sign up for the teachers' musicale.

2nd Vice President Joan James said that we have 116 members; of those 10 are new. She introduced new members and invited guests to stand and be acknowledged. She reminded members to sign in, so the board can determine the popularity of certain programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIM: Rick Lowe invited members & guests to visit the AIM booth and ask questions, and mentioned the AIM coffee/workshop at Helen Grosshans' home on 10/26/09. He said that workbooks were available at the AIM table.

Fran Onley reported that the Level 1 & 2 exams will take place on 11/15/09. Fran made up Level 1A, B and C sight-reading materials, since none are available.

Helen Grosshans invited members to come to the workshop.

Marie Rutter invited members to come with their questions to the booth.

Awards/Concerto Competition: Brenda Huang reported that the preliminary concerto competition is the same date as the solo competition. Six finalists will be picked to compete on May 16, 2009, with the Harper orchestra. One winner will be chosen from the junior and senior division. Brenda reminded membership of deadlines and announced

a benefit performance in Evanston for Emilio del Rosario.

Certification: Jennifer Cohen explained the new process for certification, and invited members to the booth to inquire more about it.

Festival of Pianos: Marcia Mally announced that we will have the same times for both the rehearsal and the performance, instructed members on where to enter, and had forms with maps of the mall.

Marilyn Crosland announced a tempo change
Bev Modlin passed out teacher jobs

Guidebook: No printed guidebook this year -- look on website. Mary Anne Block will send form to those members not using computers.

Historian: Janice Wilkans will show scrapbooks at booth, and plans to put highlights online in the future.

Hospitality: Janice announced the cards she has sent out over the summer

Independent Music Teachers: Mary Anne Block explained the 1st annual Teachers' Fair

Library: Suzanne Fleer asked members to call or email her for library requests. The fines for overdue books has been reduced to \$3. Suzanne reminded members to check their bookshelves for lost and missing items

Luncheon: Helen LoBosco is looking into a different venue for this year's luncheon.

Music Sales: Members were reminded of system.

Placement: Joan Drolet received only one call this summer, but members reported getting calls from the new website "Find a Teacher" page.

Vonnie reminded membership of scammers, now that our email addresses are online.

Publicity: Irene Rappa -- no report

Recitals: No co-chairs at present -- still looking for someone to step up.

Scholarship: Cheryl Buller not present at meeting -- information is on website about piano camps.

Sonata-Sonatina: Genya spoke for Mary Hough, reminded everyone to email forms to Jerry Dolins, and check the forms on website. The Gold Medal Recital will be held from 4 to 8 p.m., and Genya requested some help from other teachers.

Genya announced that she can order reduced tickets for recitals at Symphony Center, and will put information on the website.

Website: Beverly Taylor explained that MTNA did the design work and created the “Find a Teacher” page. Committee chairs should visit the website and call Beverly for any updates. She instructed members on how to log in with their names & member I.D. numbers. We are saving \$1600 per year using this website.

Workshop: Denise Dolins announced that Catherine Kautsky will be the clinician. The recital is open to the public, with narration for students.

Yearbook: Maureen Flood asked that people report any errors to her.

No further old business.

New business: ISMTA convention is November 6/7, 2009. Helen Grosshans encouraged members to attend -- and announced that sessions may be recorded.