

## NWSMTA Meeting Minutes – March 18th, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Chyi-Ling Evans

1 st VICE PRES/PROGRAM CHAIR - Nancy Dempsey

- Program today is presented by Dr. Christina Tio, who is presenting Repurposing a Party Pleaser-keyboard skills. Dr. Tio is substituting for Dr. Peng Krol who is ill today. April's program will be presented by Dr. Kleinsorge at the Rolling Meadows Library, who is also the ISMTA president. Countryside Church is also open to members to book for recitals and you will be given the church member rate

2 nd VICE PRES/MEMBERSHIP – Marcia Rudin: Total members 118, 16 new members this year.. Up 2 from last year.

RECORDING SECRETARY - Position is still open.

TREASURER – Yushan Sui

- Harris Bank Balance \$ 20,560.74 as of 2/29/2024

- Fidelity Investment has a market value of \$ 43,338.54,

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIM

Performance Exam Level 3-9 – Vonnie Mrozinski

- 180 students played and 26 teachers judged. Average score was 93.9 and the lowest score was 65

- Special thanks to Lyn Erhgott who worked at the registration desk, even though she did not enter students

- Exams can be picked up today or at Vonnie Mrozinski's house

- Vonnie will send out each judge's average score so they can compare with other judges

- All Level 8 students who took the exam will get a music dictionary gift from NWSMTA

- All Level 9 students who scored 80 or above on both the Theory and Performance exam will receive a name plaque. Please make sure your students' names are registered with correct spelling for the plaque

April Exam Levels 1-2 Complete & Levels 10-12 Performance - Suzanne Murray

- Registration deadline is March 14 and Suzanne will start scheduling this week

- For level 1 and 2 please send \$30 fee send to Suzanne

- For Level 10 – 12 a \$20 Reenrollment fee should be sent to Suzanne for students who took theory in a previous year and are taking performance now.

- Level 12 students need to submit program notes one week before the exam.

- For Level 12 a \$25 recital fee for students who are doing a recital.

- For students to receive a plaque, must pass all exams (both theory and performance) with at least 80.

- More help is needed in the morning. Also, setup help is needed early.

FESTIVAL OF PIANO – Tentative date is October 6, deadline will be June 30<sup>th</sup>. Will be in the fall at Northbrook mall. Repertoire is finalized and you can check the website this week

STUDENT RECITALS - (Classical and Pop & Jazz)

April 28 th at St. Michaels Episcopal Church in Barrington

Registration deadline 4/14/2024. Enroll on the website, not to Yoko's personal email. Have the students memorize the music. Classical recital will start at 1:30pm and Pop/Jazz recital will start at 3:30pm.

TEACHERS MUSICALE - Held on 5/6/2024 at the same church.

Email Yoko details if you want to participate 7-10 days before the event.

JAZZ COMBO EXPERIENCE - Maureen Flood & Justyna Weirich: Will be held on Father's Day June 16<sup>th</sup> at House of Music and Entertainment in Arlington Heights.

MIDWEST KEYBOARD PERFORMERS CHALLENGE – Brenda Huang & Janice Razaq

- 50% increase in enrollment

- Full day 9 – 5pm

- Schedule ready soon

SCHOLARSHIPS – Suyi Su: Check the deadlines on the website

YEARBOOK – Maureen Flood: Let Maureen know any businesses who might want to advertise.

LUNCHEON – Justyna Weirich: Will be at “The Bakester” in Arlington Heights. Will be Monday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Delicious French Café. Please look at their menu and let Justyna know your lunch selection

PUBLICITY – Lily Zhang: Last month posted new photos on Facebook.

MINUTES - Minutes from January 2024 meeting were read and approved. (Debbie moved / Marsha second)

Helen Marlais Workshop – Sunday, 9/22/2024 at Northwestern McClintock Recital Hall  
Sponsored by NSMTA, CAMTA and NWSMTA (\$200). The monthly meeting will have a 90-minute presentation on “Essentials for success: Self-directed intelligent practicing”.

Nominating committee: Nominate President and 1<sup>st</sup> vice president for 2024-2026.

Brenda and committee asked many members to serve. Mary Anne Block will be the Parliamentarian. Lois Guiderian agreed to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. After discussion after the business meeting adjourned, Lois Guiderian stepped up to be President and Justyna Weirich stepped up to be 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

New Business

Helen Chang-Aim Committee and Co-chairs will be meeting and discussing how to incorporate all the students given Harper College's construction of music rooms. Space will be even more limited and additional dates or alternative sites may be necessary to accommodate all the students for Year 2024-2025. We are also in need of a Level 1-2 Co-chair.

MEETING ADJOURNED (Debbie moved / Marcia second)

Respectfully submitted,

Helen