

NWSMTA Meeting March 16

Meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Suzanne Murray. Our president, Robin was unable to attend.

A motion to approve the February meeting minutes was made by Marie Rutter, and seconded by Bev Taylor. All voted in favor, and the motion carried.

Treasurer Chieko Garling reported that, at present, there is \$15,374.94 in checking and \$19,046.17 in the investment account.

Mary Anne Block, for our 1st Vice President and Program Chairperson, MiYoung Kim, announced that the speaker today will be Elena Abend, with the program entitled "The Music of Latin American Composers". This will be a performance/recital program, and her husband will play the clarinet. She is Venezuelan, and will perform the music of Latin American composers.

Suzanne Murray, Membership Chairperson, reported we have a new member, Lou Stamos, which brings our total number of members to 137 now.

AIM - Vonnie Mrozinski spoke for Helen Grosshans. Yesterday's AIM exams were a success, with 171 students participating. April 12 will be Levels 10,11,12 and makeups. Vonnie thanked teachers for judging.

Vonnice gave a special thank you to members' husbands Stu Rutter, Neil Grosshans, and Mark Mrozinski, who helped with the event.

Awards - Galina reports that registration is in progress online. The deadline is fast approaching - enter your students soon.

Certification - The coffee will be held at Jennifer Cohen's house in May for interested members.

Recitals - Classical & Pop & Jazz date is Sunday, April 19. Online registration due April 5. Checks should be mailed in by April 6. Times are 1:30 and 3:00 at Rolling Meadows library.

Festival of Pianos Sandy Leibowitz reports the dates are set for Sept 26 & 27, 2015. The repertoire is on our website. The deadline to enter is June 30. Diane Adamek is in charge of this event.

Finance - no report

Hospitality no report

Library - Suzanne Fleeer reported that she bought workshop clinician Kristin Yost's book, and Philip Johnson's book "Not Until You've Done your Practice," on how to correct specific problems. Suzanne said these books represent the "new wave" in piano teaching. "She also recommended "The Battle hymn of the Tiger Mother."

Luncheon - send in your reservations.

Parliamentarian - no report

Publicity - no report

Scholarships - Suzanne reminded members that the application deadline is approaching. Pat Borchardt put the college scholarship information into the newsletter.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival - no report

Whitman Wonders - no report

Workshop - Maureen Flood gave Brenda Buchanan's report on the Workshop, which was held March 1-2, 2015 at the Public Library in Barrington with Kristin Yost as our clinician.

OLD BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS - Mary Anne Block reported that Mi-Young wants to remind teachers of the musicale on April 13 at Steinway Gallery.

Suzanne Murray asked for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. We need officers to fill the positions of Treasurer, Membership Chairman and Recording Secretary.

Members who volunteered:

Mary Anne Block (will be chairperson)

Janice Wilkans

Fran Onley

Marcia Mally (in absentia)

Vonnie Mrozinski

A motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Fleer and seconded by Marilyn Crosland. Meeting was dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Flood, for Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary