NWSMTA Meeting September 16, 2013

Arlington Heights Public Library

The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Flood at 9:55 a.m.. All new and existing members were welcomed. Since the last meeting’s Minutes were online in our Newsletter and on our web site, she suggested we forego reading of the minutes. A motion was made by Sue Iorriati and seconded by Janice Razaq. After the vote to approve, the motion carried.

Treasurer: Chieko Garling reported that we have $13,365.09 in our checking account and $ 24,006.47 in investments.

1st Vice Presidents: This morning’s program will be “Beethoven, the Master of Architecture”.

2nd Vice Presidents: Suzanne Murray introduced and welcomed new members into our Chapter: Jina Um, Layli Li, Mary Schmidt, Patsy Ihrke, Samantha Opp, Saori Tomura, and Vilma Dydas. Also guest Bob Dunwitz introduced himself.

Committee Reports:

AIM: Helen Grosshans reported that Levels I and II evaluations will be held in November. The Coffee Workshop will be October 21 at Suzanne Fleer’s home. Members can see the Yearbook for details. Revisions are being made to our Syllabus.

Co-Chair Mary Anne Block reported that Levels I and II and theory only for Levels III and IV will be held at Harper College on November 17. The deadline to sign up is October 21. Forms are on the web site and members can contact her with questions. Vonnie, co-Chair for Levels V – XII stated that repertoire for level XII must be approved by the state AIM chair.

AWARDS: Galena, Chair, reported that all information on the 2014 Awards is on the web site and available in pdf format from her.

BAROQUE FESTIVAL: The date is march 1. This event will replace the Workshop for this year.

CERTIFICATION CHAIR: Jennifer Cohen, Chair, reported on qualifications for certification through MTNA. She will host a Coffee at her home for more information.

CLASSICAL RECITALS: Fran Onley reported that the first recital is October 20. The deadline is September 30 for registration. See the web site for information and forms to register. Fee is $5.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS: Marsha Mally and Sandra Liebowitz, co-Chairs, reported that we will have our 20th Festival of Pianos this year. They will have 500 posters made listing all students and teachers. These will be for sale; all participating students will receive one. Northbrook Court is supporting us in this by placing posters in prominent places around the mall to advertise. Steinway will move in 6 pianos for the event on September 28-29. Marsha encouraged members to take posters to area libraries and churches, etc.

GROUP TICKET SALES: Genya, Chair, reported that she wanted members to order tickets today for the Children’s Matinee. There are a limited number of tickets available. Members can see the CSO.org web site and information in our newsletter.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY: Janice Wilkans, Chair, asked members to let her know if we need to send someone a card.

LIBRARY: Suzanne Fleer, Chair, reported that she brings in a sample of books, etc., that we have available for members to check out. Members can see a list on the web site.

LUNCHEON: To be held on May 19 at the Old Orchard Country Club with short business meeting to follow. The cost will be on the web site.

PARLIAMENTARIAN: No report

PLACEMENT: No report

PUBLICITY: Yukiko Fujimura reported that anyone with pictures or information about student happenings or events can send them to her for sharing online and to put in the newspapers.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP: Maureen Flood read a card she received from the student we sent to Brevard thanking us. COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP: Pat Borchardt reported that our chapter has for the past 3 years provided a scholarship to students majoring in music.

SONATA/SONATINA: The date is November 10; deadline for entry is October 15.

WEBSITE/E-news: Chieko Garling is our new Website/E-news chair, replacing Joan James. She has the web site up and running and showed the site on the wall display as the meeting was in progress. The deadline for submitting information for the Newsletter is the 5th of every month.

WHITMAN WONDERS: Helen Grosshans, co-Chair, reported that this is our partnership with Whitman School in District 21 in Wheeling. For 3rd graders we offer an early morning piano group. 16 students are enrolled, and this is the maximum. 4th grade has Piano Wizards with 5 enrolled. Donations of keyboards for these students is requested so they can have instruments to practice on, as well as Level 1 books for sight-reading.

YEARBOOK: The new 2013-2014 yearbooks were available today. Janice Wilkans sells all the ads for this. Members are encouraged to thank the advertisers for their support. Also thanks to Jerry Dolins for all his work on the yearbooks.

President Maureen Flood swore in Janice Wilkans as Corresponding Secretary.

OLD BUSINESS: Janice Razaq, ISMTA State President, reported on the ISMTA state convention to be held at Northeastern University on November 1-3, 2013. She encouraged members to read the ISMTA state Newsletter for details.

NEW BUSINESS: President Maureen Flood encouraged members to “like” our FB page. Also, see the blogs online that pertain to music teaching which relate to us all.

The National conference is March 22-26, 2014 in Chicago at the Marriott on Michigan Avenue.

Members are encouraged to please be prompt to our meetings so we can start on time at 9:45.

She reminded members that Teacher Enrichment Grants are available to ISMTA members.

The prize for membership renewal raffle went to Ludmyla Turkalo - $25 gift card to Sam Ash for sheet music.

Motion to adjourn was by Marsha Mally, and seconded by Elena Goptseva