

NWSMTA General Meeting Minutes 09/19/16 at 9:45am.

Marie Rutter moved to approve the May minutes and Suzanne Fler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Treasurer: Chyi-Ling Evans reported the bank balances. Harris Bank Balance - \$14,290.45 and Edward Jones Balances – Cash: \$12,504.15, Mutual Funds: \$6,838.43, Total: \$19,342.58. A report will be filed for audit.

1st VP & Program: George Radoslavjevic is the presenter – all are invited to lunch afterwards.

Chair^{2nd} VP Membership: Membership count is 135 members with 4 new members. Sue Ioriatta is hosting the New Member Coffee on October 3rd at her home in Arlington Heights. Board members are required to come – please RSVP to Sue. If not coming, please send in a committee report.

Corresponding Secretary: Please let Janice Wilkans know if anyone needs a card. Also, send her any newspaper articles that mention our organization as she is also the Historian.

AIM: Level 12 students need to have their program approved by Stephanie Myers. All other information is on the website. AIM schedule is in the Yearbook. AIM coffee is at the home of Mary Anne Block on September 30th. The first exam is on November 13th (deadline October 9th). There is online registration only. Contact Mary Anne with registration problems.

Awards: Repertoire was selected over the summer and is posted on the website.

Camp Scholarship: Check out information on the website.

Certification: A coffee is scheduled at the home of Jennifer Cohen on May 17, 2017. She will be at the new member coffee.

College Scholarship: Information is on the website.

Festival of Pianos: This is the 23rd year for this event at Northbrook Court. The festival has almost 400 participants (students and teachers). The event will run from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 25th.

Finance and Vision: Marie Rutter met with a certified financial planner this summer. She was advised that our organization should re-invest our funds to make more money. The board has agreed to it and will be implementing it in the next few months.

Group Ticket Sales: Teachers can purchase CSO Piano Series tickets for \$20 with the code CAMPTA. Information is on the website.

Historian and Hospitality: It was suggested that all scrapbook items should be online.

Independent Music Teachers: An informal chat will be held preceding the monthly meetings for those who are interested.

Library: Send Suzanne Fler any requests for specific materials to be added to the library as she has a \$300 budget each year. Materials can be checked out for one month and renewed for one month.

Luncheon: It will be held at Demetri's in Deerfield on May 15th and information is on the website.

Parliamentarian: Please silence all cell phones at monthly meetings.

Publicity: Rachel Wojcicki has 120 posters and flyers for the Festival of Piano event. Please take them for your local library and coffee shops. Go to the FB page and go the events page and say that you are coming as it will generate free advertising. Please see Rachel with any advertising needs.

Recitals: The Classical / Pop & Jazz Recital will be held on Oct 16 at the Barrington Area Library. Classical/pop recital is at 1:30 and Jazz recital is at 3:30. Deadline to enter is October 2nd. Rules and registration are online. Mail checks to Fran Onley.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival: The Gold Medal recital will be held at the Barrington Area Library on Sunday, November 13th, with an enrollment deadline of November 9th. There will be two recitals at 1:30 and 3:00pm. The committee would like some people to help with set up. Contact Michelle Ryder or put your volunteer information on your teacher application when you register students.

Website: Send website problems to Maureen Flood. Newsletter items are due to Deb Lunch by the 5th of the month.

Whitman Wonders: Whitman Wonders is held at Whitman Elementary from 8:00am to 8:30am for 3rd and 4th graders. Helen Grosshans reported that they could use a donated keyboard. A tax deduction letter can be provided.

Workshop: Peter Mack is our workshop clinician for March 5th and 6th at Countryside Church in Palatine. He is very entertaining and informative.

Yearbook: Please pick up your new yearbook and shop at the vendors who advertised in the yearbook. For next year, pay your dues on time (June 30th) in order to be listed in the yearbook.

Old Business: Marcia Mally showed pictures and shared information about the benefit recital that was held in the summer for our former past President, Robin Meredith-Kramer.

New Business: Faythe Kalkwarf, a previous member passed away this summer. Her family is going to donate her music to NWSMTA. It was decided to have the music available at meetings, for which members will make donations for music that they take. The money collected will be used for a memorial for Faythe. After some discussion, Marcia Mally moved to also donate \$25 from NWSMTA in Faythe's name and Maureen Flood seconded the motion. Most were in favor; two opposed as they thought the amount was not high enough for an organization of our size. The \$25 will be donated to The Moorings Chapel fund.

Janice Razaq informed the group of the MTNA Patron Membership, for those who are not teachers. There is a membership competition among the five state area. Whoever gets the most membership increase will be recognized at the next conference.

Marie Rutter motioned to adjourn the meeting and Joan Drolet seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.