

## NWSMTA Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2024

Meeting called to order by President Chyi-Ling Evans

1 st VICE PRES/PROGRAM CHAIR - Nancy Dempsey

- Program today is presented by Dr. Jeff Kleinsorge, who is also the ISMTA president. His presentation is “How to Treat a Five-Year-Old as a Pianist Rather Than as a Student”

2 nd VICE PRES/MEMBERSHIP – Marcia Rudin: Total members 118, 16 new members this year..  
14 members deleted

RECORDING SECRETARY -Helen Chang will take over from March onwards

TREASURER – Yushan Sui

- Harris Bank Balance \$ 20,047.30as of 2/29/2024

- Fidelity Investment has a \$ 44,128.91, for a change in investment value of \$ 790.37

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

AIM

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

-Total Enrollment was 124 students; an increase from last year

-Level 10-12 students will receive plaque and awards. For students to receive a plaque, must pass all exams (both theory and performance) with at least 80.

-Scoresheets medals and pins can be picked up at Suzanne’s house if teachers couldn’t come to today’s meeting

-Level 10-12 Judges will get paid an honorarium, per the Board decision

- For Level 12 a \$25 recital fee required of students who chose the recital option

CERTIFICATION-Summertime maybe a good time to work on certification. If interested, please contact Jennifer Cohen

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<sup>th</sup> at St. Michaels Episcopal Church in Barrington

Registration has closed and no more entries are accepted. Please come and listen 1:30 Classical Recital and 3:30 Pop and Jazz Recital

TEACHERS MUSICALE – Date has been changed to Thursday morning May 9<sup>th</sup>. Look for email or website for updates. Music does not have to be memorized. Email Yoko details if you want to participate 7-10 days before the event.

JAZZ COMBO EXPRIENCE - 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. Usually starts around 11:30am.

MIDWEST KEYBOARD PERFORMERS CHALLENGE – Brenda Huang & Janice Razaq

SCHOLARSHIPS – Suyi Su: Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> and the Scholarship is \$2000 for College Scholarship and \$2000 for Camp Scholarship. This year’s judge is Dr. Karen Edwards from Wheaton College.

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

LUNCHEON –Justyna Weirich: Will be at “The Bakerster” in Arlington Heights. Will be Monday May13th. Delicious French Café. Please look at their menu and let Justyna know your lunch selection

MUSIC BLOCKS-Student Recitals will be in May, and soon after will start to recruit new students later in MAY. Thank you to Helen Grosshans for donating an upgraded digital piano

PUBLICITY – Lily Zhang:No report

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

Nominating committee: Nominate President and 1 st 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

Voted on Lois Guiderian for President, Justyna Krafft-Weirich for Vice President, Helen Chang for Recording Secretary

Select Member of the Year-After nomination by Maureen Flood, seconded by Lois Guiderian, it was voted unanimously Chyi-Ling Evans as Member of the Year

Jerry had questioned how many rooms will be available for piano events in the Fall as Harper Music Rooms are undergoing construction this summer through Fall. Discussion will be held this summer with Harper regarding exactly which rooms will be available.

MEETING ADJOURNED (Debbie moved / Marcia second)

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Chang