

NWSMTA Member Meeting minutes

February 17, 2025, Zoom meeting

9:45: Call Meeting to order – President, Lois Guderian

Read minutes from January 20, 2025, but there were not enough members present to vote

Reports from Officers

President: Lois Guderian

- Reminder: Committees that finished their events before 2025 can turn in their Annual Report and Budget Request ASAP. Now, overdue. The reports were due Tuesday, January 21.
- Annual Reports: The form is available from the website. Please fill it out and email to me directly. Form online through the website. <https://www.nwsmta.org/annual-report--budget-request-form.html>.
- All other committees, Annual Reports **due by May 5**.

Treasurer: Yushan Sui

- **Checking Account:** As of February 15, 2025, the balance in the BMO Harris Bank checking account stands at **\$27,463.77**.
- **Mutual Funds Account:** As of January 31, 2025, the market value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments is **\$ 47,645.66** This represents an increase of **\$712.59** in investment value
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aim: Helen Chang

- Theory Exam makeup were completed and scoresheets returned. 288 students registered for Theory exam. A lot of illnesses and 8 makeup exams were conducted. Teachers please double check your registrations.
- March Performance Exam: Vonnie Mrozinski-deadline for March 16th exam just passed. There were some trouble with registrations because of entering repertoire in. The issues are being rectified now.

Music Blocks: Mary Anne Block

Technology Committee: Finding a date for a meeting is in process.

Recital – Chyi-Ling and Michelle

- Spring Pop & Jazz Recital will be held on Sunday, April 27, at 3:30 PM.
- Place: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 647 Dundee Ave, Barrington, IL 60010.
- Registration starting date: February 27, 2025 and deadline: April 13, 2025
- **Changes:** To keep the recital at a reasonable length, the Recital committee has decided that the maximum number of performances will be 25 for each recital. (It will be first come first serve.) Please review the rules and procedures before you enter your students to the recital. They can be viewed on NWSMT website https://www.nwsmta.org/uploads/1/4/1/6/14166152/pjr_policy_2_9_25.pdf (the new link from the February newsletter.)
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Midwest Keyboard Performers Challenge: Brenda Huang

- This Sunday at Harper College. Draft of schedule was sent to teachers and schedules will be sent to parents tomorrow
- If you have any questions or want to help, contact Brenda directly.

Jazz Combo: no updates

Vision and Finance: The Vision and Finance Committee will continue in Marie's absence until she is able to Chair the group again. Marie has been in contact. She is recuperating.

Cards and flowers have been sent to Marie on behalf of NWSMTA

Yearbook –no updates at this time

Teachers' Musicales: SuZane Ray Reports, "No new updates at this time."

May Luncheon: We have had a person come forward who will serve as Chair if someone else is willing to be an assistant. Please contact Lois if you are willing to serve as an assistant.

Additional Committee Reports or Updates

- **Marie Rutter fell and had hip surgery. Marie noted thank you for the cards and flowers.**
- **New business:** Today is the day we need to form a nominating committee to oversee the nominations for officers: Treasurer and Second Vice President. Voting will take place in April.

Old Business

1. **Dates and Deadlines:** At the end of this document please see the dates for upcoming events and registration deadlines. These are also located in the January Newsletter.
2. **New Music Chicago Collaboration: We have a committee** working on it.
3. **March Meeting:** March 17, Eric Sutz *Mindfulness Practicing*.
 - Barrington Library is available for March Meeting and Program- Maureen was able to secure the date because Barrington Library can only be booked by a resident Library cardholder and at most two months ahead of the date needed.
 - Lois will hold the meeting remotely as she is at the MTNA conference
 - Vote was put forward to change meeting venue to Barrington Library. Maureen will double check with staff for microphones for the presentation
4. **Presenter form:** Now available. Reminder: Plan/procedure for making sure presenters have the form in advance of their presentation.

New business

Jerry questions why an attendance sheet is needed for monthly meeting when attendance is low and an email is sent to pass motions through electronic vote.