

January 18, 2021 NWSMTA General Meeting Minutes

President Brenda Buchanan called the meeting to order at 9:50, and asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Suzanne Murray voted to approve the minutes and Marie Rutter seconded, all members were in favor, minutes were approved.

Treasurer Midori Kim gives the bank/investment balances:

BMO Harris: \$17,216.23

Fidelity: \$34,638.74, an increase of \$870.50 since last month

The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President and Program Chair, Rachel Wojcicki, has no report, but she has not received a confirmation from today's speaker, and will let Brenda know if he is ready to present today.

2nd Vice-President and Membership Chair, Annie Artinian, reports that we have two new members, bringing our total to 117.

AIM is coming up on January 31. Helen Chang reports that the exam is scheduled virtually, times have been given, teachers notified and judges scheduled. There are 209 students enrolled, 40 teachers. Levels 5 - 12 will be participating. Levels 5-9 have 150 students, who will go on in the performance exams in March, and levels 10-11-12 will have their performance exams in April.

Terry Goedken and Mary Anne Block have been very helpful with the electronic score sheets. There will be an online judges meeting Tuesday at 9:30; Helen will speak about the judging criteria and the electronic score sheets. Teachers should please check for the email addresses on the opera sheet.

Mary Anne Block had a question about the judges' packets, Helen Chang responded that they will be emailed.

Beethoven Festival -- Olga Ulitsky states that the event was very successful, with over 205 students involved. Everything was online -- scoresheets and communication. There was an income of \$2,225 after expenses. Olga states that there are still medals to be picked up. Brenda recommends donating the proceeds to a community arts association, and asks members to think of one.

Certification -- no report

Recitals -- Chyi-Ling Evans will chair the classical recital, and Janna Gainulin will chair the Pop & Jazz recital. There is nothing to report, these will take place on April 25, and the fee is the same.

Festival of Pianos -- no report

Finance/Vision -- no report

Historian/Hospitality -- Janice Wilkans will be stepping down from her positions of Hospitality Chairperson and Classical Recital Chair. She is having serious physical problems, and is in a lot of pain. Members are encouraged to send her a card. She will continue putting items of NWSMTA history into the online scrapbook, as her husband Dan is helping her.

Scholarship -- Teachers are reminded that April 15 is the deadline. Details are on the website.

No Reports from the following committees: IMT, Jazz Festival, Library, Luncheon, Music Blocks, Parliament, Publicity, Sonata-Sonatina, Website, Yearbook committees.

OLD BUSINESS

Helen Grosshans thanks Helen Chang and Mary Anne Block for their very thorough work with AIM. Much thought and detail went into their preparation, and she appreciates how they made sure they thought of everything.

ISMTA just ordered pins, which they will include with the certificates after the March exam.

NEW BUSINESS

President Brenda Buchanan reminds everyone that the MTNA Conference is coming up March 13 - 17. The fee will be \$195 until February 16, and after that it will go up to \$295.

There being no more new business, Helen Grosshans moved to adjourn the meeting and Suzanne Fleer seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M. There will be a slight delay before our speaker, Curtis Madigan, starts his presentation.