

# Meeting minutes for January 20, 2025, NWSMTA Member Meeting

## Rolling Meadows Library

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

**Read minutes from November 18, 2024** – Recording Secretary, Helen Chang

Maureen motioned to approve. Grace Lee seconded the motion and the minutes were approved

## Reports from Officers

### President: Lois Guderian

**1. Reminder:** Committees that finished their events before 2025, for example Sonata-Sonatina Festival, Festival of Pianos, can turn in their Annual Report and Budget Request by Tuesday, January 21.

The form is available from the website. Please fill it out and email to me or submit it online through the website.

All other committees can turn in your Annual Report by May 5.

### First Vice President – Justyna Weirich

Monday, January 20 presentation: **Read Music Fast by Dr. PEI-I WANG, Coordinator of Keyboard Studies at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois.** Next presentation is in March at the Addison Church. Date and location unchanged

**Second Vice President and Membership Chairperson:** Marcia Rudin  
membership update: 2 new members joined and we're at 117 members total

### NWSMTA Treasurer's Report: Yushan Sui

#### Checking Account: Checking Account:

As of January 20, 2025, the balance in the BMO Harris Bank checking account stands at **\$28,571.37.**

#### Mutual Funds Account:

As of December 31, 2024, the market value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments is **\$ 46,933.07** This represents a decrease of **\$898.95** in investment value. The 2024 year-end investment report shows an overall increase of **\$4431.22** for the year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Aim:** Helen Chang, Mary Anne Block. Theory exam for levels 3-12 is January 26<sup>th</sup> at Harper College. We had 288 students entered and 46 teachers participating. We need helpers to set up at 7:30am in the morning with the first exam being 8:30am. Reminder that the deadline for the March 16<sup>th</sup> exam is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Music Blocks:** Mary Anne Block-they recruited students at the December Barrington Giving Days. 15 students applied for the tuition free lessons and 6 students were scheduled. MB is trying to find more teaching space in the area and maybe hire more teachers.

**Technology Committee:** Lois Guderian A meeting will be scheduled in the immediate future to appoint a chair and to follow up on what the Technology Committee reported last time: Some new equipment is needed to make the simultaneous Zoom and recording of the presentation easier and faster, and more research is needed before recommending to the board and the group how to move forward.

### **NWSMTA Recital Committee Meeting Report**

November 12, 2024, Attendees: Lois Guderian, Michelle Ho, Chyi-Ling Evans

1. Classical Recital and Pop & Jazz Recital will be considered as one committee with two different focuses on the music.
2. Any change to the existing rules and guidelines needs the committee's approval.
3. To be fair to all NWSMTA members, any member who wishes to enter the students to the recital needs to follow the rules and guidelines.
4. Each teacher may submit no more than 6 entries for each recital, and the total playing time of all entrants may not exceed 16 minutes.
5. The maximum entry for each recital is 25.
6. If the entry for each recital does not reach 25 after the registration deadline, the teacher who has already had 6 students registered can enroll more students. It will be first come first serve depending on the online registration order.
7. The registration starts 2 months before the event and the deadline will be posted in the yearbook and on NWSMTA website.
8. 1-2 months before the recital, the chairpersons should make an announcement about the event to the whole membership through NWSMTA monthly newsletters and /or through Constant Contact.
9. In the announcement, the chairperson should include the link to the recital rules and guidelines.
10. Printed and QR recital program for spring recital?
11. Extend the church rental time to 5 pm.

**Midwest Keyboard Performers Challenge:** Brenda Huang

Everything is in place for the MKPC. If you have any questions, contact Brenda Directly.

**Jazz Combo:** Maureen Flood-start preparing your students. This is a unique event for our association. It will be June 15<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day.

**Teacher's Musicale-**SuZane did not receive feedback from membership regarding change of date and time to increase teacher participation. Helen mentioned check if date conflicts with Harper Piano ensemble rehearsal and concert dates.

**Vision and Finance:** Marie Rutter-continues to meet. The Janice Wilkans scholarship has been broadened to a memorial fund.

**Yearbook** – we received an Addendum of new members and counts from Jerry – Thank you!

**New business:**

**Old Business:**

**1. Luncheon:** We are still seeking a chairperson. Would anyone attending this meeting like to volunteer? It's lovely to work with someone else on this task, too as co-chairs.

**2. 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.

**3. Old Business: New Music Chicago Collaboration:** There are updates on how the program will be designed, results of the vote, and possible dates for the collaboration. I will send these updates to the Board later today. Before responding to New Music Chicago with a final decision, I believe it would be best if the Board can meet through Zoom for a few minutes. Therefore, I will send out a poll for a time to meet through Zoom later this week. Please be on the lookout for this important, emergency NWSMTA Board meeting.

**4. March Meeting date and location: No change** for March Meeting on March 17, New Apostolic Church, Addison Illinois: Eric Sutz *Mindfulness Practicing*. **Lois will be at MTNA conference and will have someone else run the March NWSMTA meeting**

**5. Teachers Musicale** – Send Suzane feedback on possible change from a Monday to a weekend or evening time.

**Presenter form:** Now available. Reminder: Plan/procedure for making sure presenters have the form in advance of their presentation.

**Additional Reports Updates?**

**Camp Scholarship**

**Certification** – no update.

**Mentors**

**Newsletter**

**Publicity**

**Marcia Motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mary Anne seconded.**