

NWSMTA BOARD MEETING MINUTES, JUNE 3, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by President Carol Walgren-Georgas. The minutes from the last board meeting on September 10, 2018, were approved.

Outgoing treasurer Nancy Dempsey listed our assets:

Fidelity Investment	\$28,380.08
Harris Bank Checking	\$6,758.05
Crosland Scholarship	\$2,760
TOTAL ASSETS	\$37,898.13

Discussion about budget items, budget will be approved at September board meeting. Incoming treasurer, Midori Yoshino Kim, was present at meeting and observing.

1st Vice-President Jennifer Cohen has four out of five programs booked for the coming year. She has spoken to Winston Choi, Svetlana Belsky, Susan Osborne, Catherine Kautsky, Vonnie Mrozinski regarding presentations for the 2019-2020 year. Catherine Kautsky may do a master class on the night before the meeting. There will be no IMT meeting this year, as the MTNA Conference will be in Chicago on spring break week. Members will be encouraged to attend the conference instead.

Since we voted at the last board meeting to pay our presenters for the Independent Music Teachers' Meeting, it was uncertain if the IMT committee should have it's own budget. It was discussed and decided to add the IMT program to the regular programs' budget, instead of having its own budget.

Jennifer is hoping to schedule the Teachers' Musicale in April instead of May, since not many teachers performed this year. Member Elizabeth Lieberman would like to host it in her home, as well as regular monthly musicales. Deb Lynch said that if Elizabeth would send her information, she will put it in the monthly newsletters, to encourage more members to attend.

Incoming **2nd Vice President** Annie Artinian has no report. Per Jerry Dolins, the end of year total number of members is 135.

AIM - Helen Grosshans stated they will need co-chairs for Levels 1 & 2 exams and levels 3 & 4 Theory, which will be held at the beginning of the year. She is also hoping to find a replacement for the position of AIM Coordinator. There will be no change in fees. Discussion about charging for makeup exams resulted in a decision to charge \$20 to the student's family for making up exam for illness or family emergency only, within two weeks of the exam.

ALL THAT JAZZ - Maureen reported that it was a success, but only 5 teachers enrolled students. Board Members think that the timing of it was an issue. Possible different dates were discussed.

AWARDS - Chairpersons Olga Bornovalova and Olga Ulitsky were not present, but mentioned in an email possibly taking a year off for the competition, due to low enrollment this year. Board discussed the possibility of forming a joint competition with other local chapters, changing the timing of the competition, have members suggest repertoire, finding more accessible repertoire, and assigning the AIM level to pieces.

CERTIFICATION - Jennifer Cohen reports that she was contacted by one member interested in pursuing certification, and she will host a coffee at her home.

HISTORIAN - Janice Wilkans asked if she should toss the old scrapbooks, since they are all being put on the website. It was suggested that she put a note in the newsletter, in case someone would want them.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS - Diane Adamek reminds board members to register early to secure spots in requested songs.

FINANCE - Marie Rutter was not present, but she contacted President Carol Walgren-Georgas to state that she would like to see the bylaws adjusted with the intent of conducting our business more efficiently. The Finance and Vision committee has not met. Also, Marie should be on the Fidelity Account.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS - Nothing planned as of yet, will think. It was discussed that perhaps the IMT meeting be canceled, and members should be encouraged to attend the MTNA Conference in Chicago instead.

LIBRARY - Suzanne Flear reported that there was a 50% drop in library usage, and is not sure if it is due to the declining attendance at meetings. She only spent \$170 of the \$250 budget, and has reduced her expense to \$200 for the coming year. New acquisitions are:

Wit & Wisdom from the Piano Bench, by Suzanne Guy
Adaptive Strategies for Small-Handed Pianists, by Deahl and Wristen
Practicing with Purpose, by David Kish
The Happiest Piano Teacher in Town, by Doreen Hall

LUNCHEON - no report

MUSIC BLOCKS - Mary Anne Block reported on her foundation's progress in its second year, and requested a donation from NWSMTA. Moved and seconded to donate \$1000 again.

RECITALS - No report for classical or Pop & Jazz recitals

SCHOLARSHIPS - 2 camp scholarships were awarded to students of Soo Lee, and the college scholarship went to a student of Brenda Huang. Matt Hagle did the judging for both.

WORKSHOP - Chairperson Brenda Buchanan reports that only 16 members attended, wonders if we should re-think holding this annually or every other year. Members discussed co-hosting with other local chapter, or doing a webinar instead, to save on travel fees for clinician. It was also suggested doing a workshop such as the piano stores host, with representatives publicizing their new music, which would include free music for the teachers. This year, members will be

encouraged to attend MTNA instead of holding a workshop. Also, the possibility exists for Catherine Kautsky to do a Sunday masterclass before her Monday program, which would be similar to a workshop.

OLD BUSINESS - Carol Walgren Georgas stated that we need to nominate a candidate for Teacher of the Year by July 1.

A quorum consists of 27 members in our group, 20% of the membership, and a problem has arisen due to declining attendance at meetings. It was decided to form a committee to revise the bylaws: Marie Rutter, Brenda Buchanan and Vonnie Mrozinski. Helen Grosshans reported that once in an ISMTA meeting, Ron Yadeau said that an organization can set any quorum.

The bylaws may be amended by a majority vote. Marie Rutter suggests revising the bylaws upon board recommendation. The issue of the quorum is in the constitution, thus the constitution must be amended.

It was also discussed to send out a questionnaire to the general membership, asking reasons for not attending the meetings.

NEW BUSINESS -

Helen moved that we donate \$200 to MTNA Foundation Fellow account for Janice Razaq, move was seconded and all agreed.

Discussion about raising dues — Last year, Laurie Sorman looked into what other chapters are charging for dues. Annie Artinian will discuss further with Laurie Sorman.

Helen Grosshans suggested that the newsletter be sent out a week earlier.

Helen moved to adjourn the meeting, Brenda Buchanan seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen P. Flood