

June 7, 2021 NWSMTA Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:52. President Brenda Buchanan announces our new slate of officers:

Nancy Dempsey — 1st Vice-President and Program Chair
Elena Goptseva — Treasurer
Chyi-Ling Evans — Membership Chairperson

Marie Rutter makes a motion to accept the slate of officers, Carol Walgren-Georgas seconded and all voted in favor.

Treasurer Midori Kim reports on NWSMTA accounts:

5/31/21 BMO Harris Bank	\$18,355.96
4/30/21 Fidelity	\$36,047.27, an increase of \$782.37

Membership Chairperson states that as of April 18, we have 117 members.

Maureen Flood states that “All that Jazz” will take place on June 20, and the deadline for entry is June 13. Rachel Wojcicki has moved to California and is getting married; she helped Maureen and Justyna in planning for this year’s festival. They found a new place to hold it because Durty Nellie’s did not respond to their phone calls and emails. The new location is “House of Music and Entertainment” in Arlington Heights.

Brenda Buchanan suggests that during our new business we should discuss a free membership for members under 30 years of age. This scholarship for membership could be advertised on our website, or have Facebook ads go out. Notices could be send out to Harper, College of Lake County and Elmhurst College. Deb Lynch suggests that we present this idea to ISMTA and MTNA. The American Guild of Organists has a similar scholarship program to encourage younger members to join.

Maureen Flood moves to allow assistance/free membership for new teachers under the age of 30. Carol Walgren Georgas seconds the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Brenda discusses whether our meetings in the coming year will be in person or virtual, but as of yet the Rolling Meadows Library is not renting its meeting room. Harper will be open in the fall, and the AIM committee will be meeting at 1:00 p.m. to discuss dates.

Brenda discusses possibly opening our website so that members can pay online with Zelle or Venmo. Vonnie Mrozinski states that only certain banks allow Zelle. It is believed that Weebly only allows payments by credit cards and PayPal. Helen Chang states that some churches are taking their offering via Zelle payments. It is suggested that Midori, Elena and Mary Anne Block look into it when they go to the bank for signatures.

Brenda asks for a nomination for Teacher of the Year, and Carol Walgren Georgas is nominated. Carol suggests either Helen Grosshans or Janice Razaq. Members vote for Helen Grosshans and only one member opposed. Helen Grosshans will be our nominee for Teacher of the Year.

The budget is discussed, and Brenda asks about Zoom expenses — it is suggested that they would go under general operating costs, not president expenses. More discussion ensued on the cost of the website, \$326, and whether there are google storage expenses. Maureen has changed the website billing to her own credit card. The budget will be sent out for board members to approve before the September board meeting, and all members should “reply all.”

Janna recommends that \$50 be added to the Program Chair's budget for the Teachers Musicale.

The board meeting was adjourned at 11:15.