

## General Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2020

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 10:45. Minutes were read — no additions or corrections, minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer Midori Kim reports the following account figures:

- BMO Harris checking account \$14,398.18
- Fidelity \$29,104.27 (an increase of \$1636.44)

Midori requests that all chairpersons send her their budget requests. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President and Program Chair. Jennifer Cohen has no report other than to say that she enjoyed this position, and she will work closely with the new program chair.

2nd Vice-President and Membership Chair, Annie Artinian. Jerry Dolins reported that we currently have 26 members as of today's date.

AIM - Helen Grosshans reports that Suzanne Fler and Suzanne Murray did the repertoire exams. Level 12 was done on Zoom, and went well. May 31 is the next deadline for all performance exams. She has only heard of one, which will be submitted on YouTube. Helen states that there will be no more in person opportunities. Level 3 - 11 students will play the same music they were planning to play, and they will be evaluated. Teachers must check in with students and get back to Helen. These must be completed by July 10, via Zoom or some other platform. Score sheets will be distributed. Helen needs to know as soon as possible how many will participate. Contact Helen with questions.

Olga Ulitsky asks why students should go back and review their music. Helen said some will, some won't.

Annie Artinian has two students who missed AIM, and wonders if they will be refunded. Helen said no refund, this was out of the committee's control. Harper closed the day before the exam. Students are welcome to do an "unofficial" AIM exam on their own.

AWARDS - Olga Ulitsky — no report

CLASSICAL RECITALS - Yoko Amano has decided to step down from this position she has held for many years. Carol Walgren-Georgas will help her find a replacement. Chyi-Ling is willing to stay on the committee. Carol asks if anyone is willing, Janice Wilkans asks what is involved, and could she hear a job description. Yoko states that it involves recruiting students, making a program, collecting the money, printing certificates, and doing the end of year report.

POP & JAZZ RECITAL - Mary Anne Block reports that there was only one recital in October. Nine teachers and 21 students participated. The total income was \$105. They would like to get at least 25 students per recital. She states that another part of chairing this event is introducing each student, and telling something about each piece. Mary Anne enjoys co-chairing with Fran Onley.

Janice Wilkans would be willing to help with both. Carol will send the job description.

Annie Artinian questions — since we're not sure about live recitals, should we think about doing Zoom recitals?

Helen Grosshans states that since we don't have much information now, we should discuss this at the board meeting, but now we should move on.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS - Yoko Amano reports that the festival has been canceled. We are waiting for a response from the mall, since we paid ahead to reserve the space. Yoko and the committee thought it was wise to cancel. Carol Walgren Georgas agrees, and states that Harper has already decided to be closed in the fall.

HOSPITALITY - Janice Wilkans states that \$25 was sent to the family of Ilse Schmidt.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS - No report

ALL THAT JAZZ - Rachel Wojcicki reports that the event will not take place at Dirty Nellie's. She hopes to just postpone the event and hold it when things open up.

Mary Anne Block suggests postponing till later in the summer, and will give the students something to look forward to. We can discuss further at the board meeting.

LIBRARY - No report

LUNCHEON - Justyna Weirich states that it was canceled, and this meeting is taking its place. We should discuss at the board meeting giving some type of gift or recognition to Jerry Dolins and Terry Goedken, to show our appreciation for all they do.

MUSIC BLOCKS - Mary Anne Block reports that the lessons were moved to virtual, and that they received several donated instruments, and recruited more keyboard donations. There were 24 students eliminated from the program — the early beginners. The program is down to 16, and they are planning on a Zoom recital on the 31st of May.

PUBLICITY - no report

SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL - Will not be held, due to Harper College being closed. Denise Dolins wonders if we could do the festival online, as AIM is doing.

WHITMAN WONDERS - Helen reports that it has come to an end, since the school will now have all day kindergarten and they need the room. Also Fran Evens will have to go back and forth between two schools for teaching music.

YEARBOOK - No report, other than we will need members to be checking more frequently online for updates and changes.

NEW BUSINESS - The Teacher of the Year nominated from NWSMTA is Helen Grosshans, and the Member of the Year is Jennifer Cohen. Carol Walgren Georgas reminds each nominee to send their biographies and photos in to ISMTA.

The nominees for the executive board are:

PRESIDENT — Brenda Buchanan  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT - Rachel Wojcicki

The position of corresponding secretary will be eliminated for the fall, per Marie Rutter.

Deb Lynch moves to accept the slate of officers, Helen Grosshans seconds.

The membership votes and accepts unanimously the slate of officers. Members are sworn in by Marie Rutter, Parliamentarian

Carol Walgren-Georgas reads a statement of appreciation. Carole congratulates the new officers.

Jennifer Cohen thanks Carol Walgren-Georgas for her two years of service, and shows the plaque with gavel that she is receiving from the organization.

OLD BUSINESS - Vonnie reports that she, Mrie Rutter, Helen Grosshans, Brenda Buchanan and Denise Dolins have worked on amending the Bylaws & Constitution, and will email the suggested revision. Members will have the opportunity to review the revisions for 30 days and then vote to or to not accept. A quorum will be reduced to 15%. The position of corresponding secretary has been eliminated.

Brenda Buchanan moves to adjourn the meeting, Deb Lynch seconds. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.