

November 23, 2020 NWSMTA General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 9:49 a.m. by President Brenda Buchanan. Maureen Flood read the minutes.....Carol Walgren-Georgas moved to accept the minutes and Marie Rutter seconded.

Treasurer Midori Kim reports that the following amounts are in our bank accounts:

BMO Harris	\$12,173.28
Fidelity	\$31,958.79 (loss of \$255.50)

Membership Chairperson Annie Artinian reports that there are 114 members as of today.

AIM -- Recent exams had 79 students registered, 19 teachers, and very good scores were reported. Everything went smoothly, but it was a learning process. Thanks are owed to Terry Goedken, whose system enhancements helped a lot. Students completed everything on the exam. AIM pins & medals are coming today, please contact Mary Anne Block to pick them up. The colors might not be consistent. Helen Grosshans got no response from ISMTA, so they are using what they had in inventory. Helen is looking for coordinators. Everything has been set up in a streamlined manner for future online AIM exams by Terry Goedken, so a volunteer would have an easy time of chairing the future exams.

Brenda Buchanan asks for volunteers, and will try to contact members who will make good coordinators. Mary Anne Block can give her some names of recommended members. Mary Anne reminds members about the December 15 deadline for the January exam.

Beethoven Festival -- Chairpersons not present, no report. The deadline is December 1st. Brenda is thinking that they will compile videos. Deb Lynch reminds members that no permission appears in the form to appear in videos. Brenda Buchanan will contact the chairpersons to ask.

Certification - no report

Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals - an email was sent

Festival of Pianos - no report

Finance/Vision - no report

Ticket Sales - no report

Historian/Hospitality - no report

Independent Music Teachers - no report

All that Jazz - no report

Library - no report

Luncheon - no report

Music Blocks - A virtual holiday recital is planned

Parliamentarian - no report

Publicity - no report

Scholarships - Camp/College scholarship information is on the website

Sonata-Sonatina Festival - no report

Website/ENews - no report

Yearbook - no report

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report

NEW BUSINESS

There was an issue Terry Goedken discovered with Weebly, having to do with the number of submissions that can be made. When teachers filled out multiple entries, Weebly thought it was spam. After discussing this issue with Weebly, and they confirmed that there is no setting in Weebly to allow multiple entries, they suggested that NWSMTA use another form. Terry handled the rest of the entries with emails and a spreadsheet. Apparently we can only use Weebly for check requests.

Brenda Buchanan thanks Terry for all of his work. Jerry Dolins suggested paying more for Weebly, but Terry said we already have the pro version. It has been suggested to use a third party form software.

Brenda Buchanan reports that the NCKP will be July 21st, virtual. There will be an online 20th anniversary party for Wendy Stevens company, Compose Create. There is also a Zoom Piano Teachers Facebook page. Also, many webinars have been offered through the Frances Clark Center.

Justyna Weirich has questions about the Beethoven Festival, but since Chairpersons are not here, should we email them or continue to check the website for details. It was suggested that she email them.

Deb Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Marianna Miltcheva seconded it. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.