

## **November 25, 2019 General Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by President Carol Walgren-Georgas

Jennifer Cohen is not here today, but Svetlana Belsky will be presenting today. All are invited out for lunch at Honey Jam Cafe, to join our speaker.

Midori Kim is out of town, but sent in report:

Checking Account: \$12,565.37  
Market Value, Mutual Funds: \$29,930.89

Membership Chairperson Annie Artinian reports that we have one new member, Xizheng Wang.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIM** - Fran Onley reported that the exams on November 10 went well, 27 teachers and 130 students participated. She thanked all helpers and judges, and special thanks to Joan James for the iPod ear training exams, Helen for doing certificates, Terry Goedken for all his help with scheduling, and Lynn Ehrgot, who helped throughout the day.

Helen Grosshans reports that the theory exams will be given. Vonnie and Helen will do the scheduling. Natalie Clyne will be accepting the checks made out to NWSMTA — her address is in the yearbook. The deadline is December 15 — no late registrations or schedule changes will be accepted. **All volunteers** are welcome at the January 26 exam. She reminds members to not to forget to register for the March 15 level 3-4 repertoire exam. The fee is \$30 paid in January. If the student will prepare a recital, the fee is \$50 — \$30 now and \$20 in April

**AWARDS** - Chairpersons are not present. The levels for the Awards repertoire are on the the website, but not AIM levels.

**CERTIFICATION** - Jennifer Cohen is available for interested members.

**RECITALS** - These took place on October 27.

**FESTIVAL OF PIANOS** - Diane Adamek reports that The Northbrook Symphony contributed an additional \$247, which enabled us to break even on the budget.

**FINANCE/VISION** - Nothing new to report

**TICKET SALES** - Genya reminds us that we receive reduced tickets for piano recitals using the code CAMTA when ordering on [www.cso.org](http://www.cso.org). Two recitals that are full price are Yuja Wang and Evgeny Kissin....no reduced rates.

**HOSPITALITY/HISTORIAN** - Janice Wilkans sent a sympathy card to Midori Kim on the loss of her mother. Brian Keady's brother passed away, and Janice went to the service. Janice was in the hospital briefly and Maureen Flood sent a card to her, as well as one on the loss of her nephew. Janice recently celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with a mass at Holy Name Cathedral.

**INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS** - No meeting this year. Members are encouraged to attend the MTNA Conference in Chicago instead.

**ALL THAT JAZZ - JAZZ COMBO EXPERIENCE** - The date has been set for June 21 at Durty Nellie's in Palatine.

**LIBRARY** - Suzanne Fler is having a sale today on books, music, VHS tapes. Make an offer.

**LUNCHEON** - No report

**MUSIC BLOCKS** - No report

**PUBLICITY** - Contact Rachel Wojcicki if you need publicity

**SCHOLARSHIP** - Please refer to article in newsletter for information

**SONATA-SONATINA** - there were 335 students and 59 teachers this year

**GOLD MEDAL RECITAL** - Elena Goptseva reports that 2 successful recitals were held, the 1st one had 24 students and the 2nd one had 25. There were 3 no-shows. Teachers, please make sure your students are coming to perform, no last-minute cancellations. Elena thanked Janice Wilkans for covering for her.

**WHITMAN WONDERS** - Helen Grosshans reports that the students are preparing for recitals at present, there will be a short program for teachers and parents.

**WORKSHOP** - No workshop this year

**WEBSITE** - No report

**YEARBOOK** - No report

**OLD BUSINESS** - The January and February meetings will be held at Ela Area Public Library, due to the piano repair at Rolling Meadows Library.

Vonnie Mrozinski reports that there is no news on amending the constitution.

Jerry Dolins questioned if there are any results from Rachel Wojcicki's survey. No one has heard anything.

**NEW BUSINESS** - The deadline for reduced rate for early registration for the MTNA Conference is December 5th. President Carol Walgren-Georgas reports that there will be a table of NWSMTA teachers at the banquet in order to honor Janice Razaq and Christopher Goldston.

Maureen Flood reports that Carol Cook of the Music Room invited teachers to a free luncheon on November 15. The Music Room is celebrating their 25th anniversary, and they hope to do more outreach events to area music teachers throughout the year. Keith Snell will be giving a workshop in 2020.