

General Meeting Minutes 3-19-2018

The meeting was called to order by Brenda Buchanan at 10:00 AM.

There were no corrections to the February minutes. The minutes were approved by Deb Lynch and seconded by Carol Walgren-Georgas.

Treasurer report by Nancy Dempsey - The checking account balance at Harris Bank as of 2-28-2018 is \$11,506.93. For the month of February 2018, the ending value of the Mutual Funds account at Fidelity Investments totaled \$27,458.13 for a change in investment value of (minus) - \$388.66.

1st VP - Brenda Buchanan announced that the program today will be given by Laurie Sorman and Fran Onley on "Snappy Summer Ideas to Grow Your Income, Enrollment and Enjoyment". Also the teacher Musicale will be held on April 9, 10:00 AM, at Steinway Gallery in Northbrook, IL. Deadline is April 1.

2nd VP - Laurie Sorman - Our membership is presently at 135 members. We have added several since this time last year.

Committee Reports -

AIM - Helen Grosshans. November exam pins still available. Check Newsletter for update on scores and participation per level. Registration is in for level 10-12 Performance. Program notes are being worked on. They are due a week before April 22.

Awards Competition - Date changed because of Harper. See the Newsletter and website for information.

Certification - Jennifer Cohen. A coffee is still being planned. Information is available in Newsletter.

Classical - Pop/Jazz Recitals - Fran Onley. Deadline is April 5. Each teacher can enroll 6 students. Date is not April 29 but rather April 15 at Rolling Meadows Library.

Festival of pianos - Marcia Mally. Credit is given to Deb Lynch for information in the Newsletter on this event. Marcia read the benefits of participation in the FOP for conductors, students and teachers. Repertoire will be listed on the website. Marcia said that 3 conductors have been secured: Patti Nyien, who conducts Glorious Grands at College of DuPage, our own Fran Evens, and Jennifer Merry, President of NSMTA, who has conducted choirs and other student activities.

Historian/Hospitality - Janice Wilkans, who is at the NMTA Conference now, requested, if necessary, that someone else would send cards when requested.

Library - Suzanne Fleer has the book, translated from Russian, "Busoni as Pianist", as recommended from the program of last month on Busoni, given by Svetlana Belsky.

Luncheon - Justyna Weirich. \$30/person collection will begin at next month's meeting for the May 14 event. Checks can be made out to NWSMTA.

Scholarships - Pat Borchardt. Information on website. Deadline is April 15. This money will go to a camp chosen by the student, who will go eventually toward a music major. Suggestion by Marcia Mally : Can we change the goal to include an eventual minor in music?

Old Business - Nominating committee report. Nancy Dempsey, Brenda Buchanan, Marie Rutter, Helen Grosshans, Carol Walgren-Georgas, past-presidents Marcia Mally, Maureen Flood. Positions available : President, 1stVP, Corresponding Secretary. Voting will be held next month.

Suggestion: 2 people can share a position. Programs will be needed for 5 meetings and can also use program recommendations from membership.

Jazz Festival - Date is Sunday, June 3, at Dirty Nellie's Pub in Palatine. There will be 3 back-up musicians to accompany students in jazz or pop. Entry fee - \$20. No limit on levels or ages. Physical set up in the performing area is very accommodating for the student.

New Business - Annual reports, budget requests, and updated job descriptions are due by May meeting.

Credit to Mary Ann Block for starting a non-profit for under-privileged student's music lessons.

We still have music from the Marilyn Crosland studio collection at \$1 a piece - profit to go to the teacher's scholarship fund, for such things as attendance at a week long workshop on Dalcroze in the 1st week of August at DePaul. Can we also consider a private workshop for NWSMTA members? Discuss your ideas with Maureen Flood.

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 AM by Deb Lynch and seconded by Maureen Flood.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary