

General Meeting Minutes 4-16-2018

The meeting was called to order by Suzanne Murray at 10:00 AM.

There was one correction to the March minutes: There should be no past Presidents listed on the nominating committee. Correction accepted.

Treasurer Report by Nancy Dempsey - The checking account balance at Harris Bank as of 3-31-2018 is \$17,770.93. For the month of March 2018, the ending value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments totaled \$27,373.12 for a change in investment value of (minus) -\$85.01.

1st VP - Brenda Buchanan announced that the program today will be given by Mary Hough and Karen Mazza on "How We Du-et!"

2nd VP - Laurie Sorman - Our membership is at 137 members, being up by 10 since this time last year. We are the 2nd largest chapter in Illinois.

Committee Reports -

AIM - Helen Grosshans. Results for Theory levels 1-2-3-4 are in the March Newsletter. Program notes are needed for Level 12.

Certification - If you are interested, please see Jennifer Cohen.

Recitals - Pop and Jazz - Mary Anne Block reported 25 performers. Some non-member participants did not show.

Classical - 8 teachers presented 21 students. There seemed to be a nice mix of styles. Certificates made by Fran Onley.

Festival of Pianos - Marcia Mally. Price change from \$60 to \$50 per family. Event to be held on September 29 and 30, 2018 at Northbrook Court in Northbrook. Deadline is June 30. Registration is to be sent to Diane Adamek. Guidelines, repertoire and registration forms are found on the website. This will be the 25th year!

Library - Suzanne Fleer has 2 new books on Piano Masterworks for Teaching and Performance by Lancaster. Vol. 1 to the Intermediate level and Vol. 2 from advanced level forward. Books and CDs that are out are due by next month at the luncheon. There is some money left to purchase more items - anyone with suggestions, please contact Suzanne Fleer.

Luncheon - Justyna Weirich will take checks today and up to Monday, April 30 - \$30 per person. This event is at The Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant in Schaumburg at 10:45 on Monday, May 14.

Jazz Festival - Rachel Wojcicki reports that the "All That Jazz" Festival will be held Sunday, June 3 from 12:00 to 4:00 .at Dirty Nellies in Palatine. Cost - \$20.00 per student. Styles will include jazz, rock and roll, and blues. The participants will need a lead sheet with only chords for the accompanying musicians. Students need to seriously be able to keep tempo. Suggestions were made about several apps that can be used to enable students get a better understanding of rhythm used in performance. The program is being organized by Rachel Wojcicki, Justyna Weirich, and Maureen Flood. Deadline is May 14 to receive a copy of music and lead sheet for each participant.

Old Business - Suzanne Murray - Proposed budget / activity reports needed for the board meeting in June.

Suzanne reported that the MTNA conference was a huge success in Florida. Special thanks go to our own Jennifer Cohen, Helen Grosshans, Vonnie Mrozinski and Beverly Taylor for presenting the session "Do the Studio Crawl", a program event widely appreciated. Congratulations!

Reminder to select a Member of the Year to be recognized at the State Convention in October. Some nominations included Diane Adamek, Carol Ekblad and Michelle Ryder by Marcia Mally and Suzanne Murray, seconded by Suzanne

Fleer The past Members of the Year were read from the handbook. Reminder to submit any other names to Suzanne Murray.

The nominating committee nominated the following members for the positions of:

President - Carol Walgren-Georgas

1st VP Program Chair - Jennifer Cohen

Corresponding Secretary - Denise Dolins

The vote was scheduled for this meeting on Monday (April 16), but a quorum was not present. Only 21 members were present. Quorum is 27. Directions are to reply by email to Brenda Buchanan by April 25 with a yes or no answer. Results will be announced at the May luncheon.

The Teacher Musicale on Monday, April 16, at Steinway Piano Gallery in Northbrook was a wonderful success. Kudos to all who participated!

Motion to adjourn at 10:45 by Mary Anne Block. Seconded by Lyn Ehrgott.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary