

NWSMTA Board Meeting June 1, 2015

The Board Meeting was called to order by President Robin Meredith-Kramer at 9:55 am at the Rolling Meadows Public Library.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the last Board Meeting (September 8) were read and approved upon motion by Deb Lynch and second by Helen Grosshans.

Treasurer's Report: Chieko Garling was unable to give the budget report due to missing information from several Committee members. Chieko reported we need to find a new accountant as soon as possible to review our accounts in order to be in compliance. There was discussion about various options for investing for a better return. It was decided that the Finance Committee should meet this summer to discuss and make recommendations.

1st Vice President/Program Chair: Mi-Young Kim reported there have been no complaints about our fees paid for those providing our programs. We will continue to pay \$250.

2nd Vice President/Membership Chair: Suzanne Murray will forward addenda for the yearbook from now on.

Committee Reports

AIM Coordinator Helen Grosshans reported that the AIM committee met and decided to increase the fees for students. Levels 1 and 2 will be \$20; Level 3 and up will be \$25. Exams will be held in November and January as usual, and Levels 3 – 9 performance will be held in March. Teachers who enter students will be required to judge for 4 hours.

Awards: Galena is retiring from the chair position. There was much discussion about this event. Members of the Awards Committee will be asked first to chair this committee. It was agreed that all officers and committee chairs would send their job descriptions to Maureen so that these can be evaluated and updated as necessary.

Certification: Jennifer Cohen reported the next Certification Coffee will be held at her house on May 16, 2016 at 9:30 am for anyone interested in certification. We had no newly certified members this year, and she urged members to become certified.

Classical/Pop & Jazz: The next recital will be October 25.

There was discussion about dates and locations for upcoming meetings. The next Board meeting will be September 14 and the next regular meetings will be September 21, October 18, and November 23; all at the Rolling Meadows library. Future dates still need to be checked with the library calendar.

Festival of Pianos: Marcia Mally reported that June 30 is the deadline to enter this event, which will be held on September 26-27 at Northbrook. Sam Ash and Palatine Music stores will have the repertoire list.

Finance/Vision: no report

Group Ticket Sales: no report

Historian/Hospitality: no report

Independent Music Teachers: This committee needs a chairperson.

Library: Suzanne Fleer reported she will have another book sale soon. Several items were available to members for free.

Luncheon: no report

Parliamentarian: no report

Placement: no report

Publicity: This committee needs a new chairperson.

Scholarship: Camp – no report

College – Pat Borshardt reported that the committee had difficulty with judges being able to view submissions by applicants. It was decided to find judges for this who can use YouTube, and to require that applicants submit performances using this format.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival: no report

Whitman Wonders: Helen reported she will be using new Faber books which are bi-lingual for the next school year.

Workshop: It was decided to not have a workshop in 2016 but instead to plan a collaborative festival of sorts for March, 2016. A separate committee made up of Robin, Helen, Carol, Mi-Young, and Maureen (chair) will plan this.

Old Business: none

New Business: Deb Lynch made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Marcia Mally. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

New Officers – 2015-2016

Maureen Flood – 1st Vice President & Program Chair (finishing term of Mi-Young Kim)

Sue Ioriatti – 2nd Vice President & Membership Chair

Laurie Sorman – Recording Secretary

Chyi-Ling Evans – Treasurer

Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary