

NWSMTA Board Meeting Minutes

9/12/2022

The meeting was held at 9:45 at Rolling Meadows Library with 13 members present and 3 members attending by Zoom.

The minutes of the June Board meeting were read by Brenda Haynes. Motion to approve was made by Deb Lynch and seconded by Suzanne Flear. Motion carried.

Treasurer Elena Goptseva gave her report: \$18,718.56 in checking and \$33,222.06 in the investment account (gain of \$885.46 for the year). Elena met with an accountant who looked at our books and suggested we need to file a AG990-IL form with the Attorney General in Illinois since we have more than \$25000. Helen Grosshans stated that we are under MTNA and ISMTA and their exempt status would carry over to our local chapter. After discussion it was decided that Chyi-Ling would email our ISMTA President and Treasurer to inquire about this. Elena also has 2 uncashed checks that she issued – one to Heidi Myers for \$300 and one to Ralph Schmidt for \$25. Maureen volunteered to contact Ralph Schmidt to inquire about his check, as well as our member, Heidi Myers.

1st VP/Program Chair Nancy Dempsey stated that our first business meeting will be on 9/19/22 and will be a Welcome Back party at RML with refreshments.

Membership – Maureen Flood said we now have 108 members (8 are new). She will host a new member gathering at her home on October 3 at 10:00 a.m.

The RETHINK NWSMTA MEETINGS committee (Nancy Dempsey, Helen Grosshans, Helen Chang, Maureen Flood, Deb Lynch, and Vonnie Mrozinski met and reported that we will continue having hybrid meetings at RML. We now have a new ISMTA email account and a Google Drive. They are considering changing our program format and frequency for this coming year.

AIM Committee Chair Helen Grosshans stated that the AIM Committee wants to recruit new members to help and to hopefully take over the tasks that she and other chairs have done for many years.

Certification Chair Jennifer Cohen said she is working with Justyna Weirich on certification and is available to others who want to pursue certification.

Festival of Pianos Chair Yoko Amano reported that the event will now take place at Old Mill Shopping Center where there will be 5 pianos for our use, and the cost will be much less.

Member Mary Hough has been Historian/Hospitality chair for 2 years, but has retired and is not a member now. She does, however, want to continue to help our group. Maureen will ask her if she wants to continue as Hospitality only. After some discussion, Helen Grosshans made a motion to allow members of at least 5 years who are retired and have no students to be reimbursed from NWSMTA for half of their MTNA and ISMTA dues (and pay no local dues). Such members can serve on committees as volunteers in the same manner as non-members Jerry Dolins and Terry Goedkin. Janice Razaq seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jazz Combo Experience – Maureen reported that the event was a success. It was held at House of Music and Entertainment in Arlington Heights in late August. 20 students and 3 teachers participated.

Suzanne Fler reported that since we decided to end the library due to lack of teacher use, she will sell all materials at her house on October 1 from 9:00 – 2:00 and October 2 from 3:00 – 7:00. She will put a list on the website. These are for members first and if materials are left, they could be sold on eBay.

Justyna reported that the Luncheon will be held on May 15 at a location TBD.

Midwest keyboard Performers Challenge is replacing the Awards Competition under Brenda Huang and Janice Razaq, co-chairs. The event will be at Harper College on February 26. Students will pay \$10/piece, per category. There is no repertoire list. Pieces must be memorized. More details are on the website.

Scholarships chair, Suyi Su and Pat Borchardt led a discussion about the date for application needing to be later since many students do not hear back from their colleges by April 15, the current deadline. They decided to make the date May 1 to encourage more participation.

Michelle Ryder (Sonata/Sonatina Festival) sent a report that if a Gold Medal Recital is to be held, she needs someone to host it and find a location and print the program. Justyna is considering doing this.

Yoko Amano reported that Teachers Musicale will be May 1.

Maureen reported that our Yearbook is in production at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

There was discussion about a name for the group of people who are non-members but serve the group in various ways, but no decision was made. Deb Lynch moved to approve the budget as set in June, and Suzanne Fler seconded. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ISMTA State Conference Nov. 4-5 in Charleston IL at EIU. Registration opens September 15. Early registration deadline is October 23.

Motion to adjourn by Brenda Haynes and seconded by Mary Anne Block.

Brenda Haynes, acting Recording Secretary