

NWSMTA GENERAL MEETING
November 28, 2022 ZOOM

The meeting was called to order by President Chyi-Ling Evans at 10:07 AM.

10 on zoom, 10 in-person

1. Chyi-Ling read the minutes from Oct 17 general meeting. Deb Lynch motioned to accept the minutes, Susan Fleer seconded- passed.
2. Chyi-Ling spoke about attending ISMTA 2022 conference. Janice Razaq honored as teacher of the year during the banquet. Also selected as teacher of the year at MTNA 2023. Congratulations!
3. Nancy Dempsey- Program chair. Susan Tang's presentations announced. Deadline December 5th. Detail info on the website for definition of underrepresented composers.

Social Holiday party on Thursday January 12 at 10 am at Nancy's house. Please bring breakfast item to share and RSVP by January 5th. More details in the newsletter.

Join us for lunch at Honeyjam Café. This will be the regular lunch spot following our meetings this year.

NWSMTA meetings rethinking: Board held special meeting to consider your feedback. Minutes of the meeting is available on the website and the committee will be submitting their final report soon. Thank you to the committee.

4. Chyi-Ling for Maureen Flood- Membership. 112 members as of November 26th. Thank you Jerry!
5. Chyi-Ling for Elena Goptseva- Treasurer. The Balance in Harris Bank \$10,979.15 as of November 14 2022. Mutual Funds in Fidelity balance is \$33,073.10. Change in investment value is \$17.65
6. Committee Reports: AIM. Helen Grosshans- January Theory Exams for level 3-12 and deadlines announced. See ISMTA/AIM and NWSMTA website for details. Please let us know if you notice incorrect information.
7. Helen Chang- January exam. Harper College January 29th, deadline is December 15th. Please register students online through NWSMTA website. Requesting one check from teachers. All teachers are required to be members and also required to work during the exams. Exam will be in-person. Students must bring their own devices/headphones (laptops, ipads, etc). Registrations process- teacher worktime required before registering students. See NWSMTA website for helpful info and documents. Please read the syllabus carefully. After the exams and graded, they can be picked up at Helen's house and she will also bring them to the February meeting.

8. Suzanne Fleer- Library. Library sale. 9 teachers attended. \$435.10 collected. Remainder of materials were donated to the Rolling Meadows Library for their programs. Thank you to all who helped!
9. Festival of Pianos- Yoko Amano. In-person. Extended deadline to December 5th with no late fees. Practice videos will be available before the deadline. Link available on the Website. Please come see us even if you didn't register.
10. Midwest Keyboard Performers Challenge- Brenda Huang. Materials should be ready by mid-December. Questions, please email Brenda.
11. Lily Zhang- Publicity. Facebook page created, everyone is welcome to join. Post photos etc. on Facebook for events. Thank you for stepping up to be chairperson for Publicity!
12. Sonatina Festival Michele Ryder- largest festival yet, close to 400 students participated. Only one judge had to cancel due to family emergency. Backup judge was able to fill in. Every volunteer came, each student brought their scores! Thank you. Jerry said we had record number of fees, over \$9,000 collected. 63 teachers, 14 were not members of NWSMTA- maybe they'll join next year.
13. Gold medal recital- Justyna Weirich. Thanked Jerry- it would be impossible to do this job without his help. Venue was great, but preparing the sanctuary was challenging. Due to the large enrollment, 1:30 was moved to 1:00. 30 students in each recital (2 hours!). Most of the students stayed for the entire recital- great example. Thanks to all who stayed after the recital to teardown. Thank you Justyna!!

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted by: Ann Chang, recording sec. via Zoom recording