

General Meeting Minutes 09/18/17

Suzanne Murray called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. She called for a motion to approve the May 2017 minutes. Brenda Buchanan made the motion to approve and Deb Lynch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Nancy Dempsey reported that the checking account balance at Harris bank as of 8/31-17 is \$20,597.50. For the month of August 2017 the beginning value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments totaled \$22,691.55 and the ending value was \$22,854.82, for a change in investment value of \$163.27

1st Vice President - Our program today will be a presentation by George Radoslavjevic on "Chopin: Poetry in Sound".

2nd Vice President - Laurie Sorman reported that we have 118 members. This year we added 8 and deleted 17. The New Member Coffee will be on Monday - 9:45, September 25, at the home of Laurie Sorman.

Committee Reports

AIM -Helen Grosshans will have an AIM Minute at general meetings. The first exam will be on Sunday, November 12 for levels 1 - 2 complete and levels 3 - 4 theory exams. January 15, 2018 is the deadline for repertoire approval for level 12. There will be an AIM Informational Coffee on Monday, October 23, at the home of Helen Grosshans to discuss supplementary ideas for AIM, reinforcing with studio activities. There will be a Judges meeting for the November exam on Wednesday, November 8, at the home of Mary Anne Block.

Fees are: \$20 for levels 1 - 2 and \$30 for level 3 and above.

Awards - Repertoire is on the website. In the program for next month, Dr. Matthew Hagle will address the "Awards Competition Repertoire"

Certification - Any questions are to be referred to Jennifer Cohen.

Classical Recitals/Pop and Jazz Recitals - Fran Onley. To be held on Sunday, October 29 at the Barrington Library. Classical Recital at 1:30 PM and Pop and Jazz Recital at 3:30 PM. Pieces are to be performed by memory. Check website for pieces. The parent/student letter is on line. Discussion by Yoko Amano regarding arrangements - allowable if not extreme or too far away from original.

Festival of Pianos - Marcia Mally and Sandy Leibowitz. Will be held on Saturday, September 23 and Sunday, September 24 at Northbrook Court. Committee members were acknowledged.

It was noted that this is a year- long process to prepare. Posters were completed by Rachel Wojcicki and given out to members to use for advertisement. An email can also be sent out to families. There are 300 entries with 25 teachers participating.

Finance and Vision - No report.

Group Ticket sales - Genya Kantorovich can pick up tickets. There should be no less than 10 people to be able to order tickets to events. Also members can buy individual tickets to the piano series at Symphony Center by calling the box office and asking for the CAMTA discount. Rachel Wojcicki can put the information on the NWSMTA Facebook page so members can tally the number to go more easily. Also information can be put into the Newsletter for the whole season.

Historian/Hospitality - Janice Wilkans has sent a card to Carol Ekblad on her injury. A card plus a check for \$100 has been sent to Kathlyn Sbarboro upon the loss of her husband - towards the children's college fund.

Independent Music Teachers - Maureen Flood. In the March 19, 2018 program, Laurie Sorman and Fran Onley will present "Snappy Summer Ideas to Grow Your Income, Enrollment and Enjoyment".

There was a big "thank you" to the Yearbook committee - Deb Lynch, Janice Wilkans, and Jerry Dolins for their hard work.

Library - Suzanne Fleeer. The remainder of the budget from last year was spent on two DVDs (Yundi and Mendelssohn in Verbier). Last year the library use was down. Information on materials available is on the website. Check- out is for 1 month and can renew for 2 months. \$3.00 monthly fine. Suggestion to talk to Suzanne regarding materials wanted.

Luncheon - Justyna Weinrich. Date is set for Monday, May 14, 2018 at Chicago Prime Italian in Schaumburg with 10:45 general meeting followed by lunch.

Parliamentarian - Marie Rutter. Reminder to silence phones during meetings.

Scholarships: Camp and College - Pat Borchardt. Sunday, April 15 - deadline for entries. First place - \$300. Second place - \$200. College scholarships - \$1000. Information will be updated on the website soon. Rules are currently on the web.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival - Michelle Ryder. Entry deadline on Monday, October 9. Festival on Sunday, November 5 at Harper College.

Website News - Maureen flood and Deb Lynch. Any problems - refer to Maureen. Thanks to Deb Lynch for a great Newsletter. Reminder to set the 5th of the month as dead line for news information.

Whitman Wonders - Helen Groshans. She has had the first class with the computer and will have the second class this week.

Old Business - Through connections with Marcia Mally, Kerry Frumpkin will announce the Festival of Pianos weekend program on radio station WFMT this week, prior to the event.

New business - The MTNA National Conference this year will host the "Studio Crawl" program given by Jennifer Cohen, Helen Groshans, Beverly Taylor, and Vonnie Mrozinski.

\$1000.00 was contributed by NWSMTA to the MTNA Benevolence Fund for the hurricane victims.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 by motion of Deb Lynch and seconded by Maureen flood.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary