

NWSMTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. by President Brenda Buchanan. Maureen Flood read the minutes -- no additions or corrections, approved.

Treasurer Midori Kim states that as of 8/31/20 our accounts had the following balances:

- BMO Harris: \$12,878.40
- Fidelity: \$32,580.64, which reflects an increase of \$1912.29

The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

Brenda Buchanan reports that only 23 members voted on the changes to the Constitution and bylaws. Another vote was taken at the meeting today, and passed by unanimous consent.

The budget was discussed. Rachel Wojcicki requests \$1000 for the All that Jazz Festival.

Since there was no income or expense for the Festival of Pianos, those figures were deleted. Midori Kim will send the updated spreadsheet.

1st VP and Program Chair, Rachel Wojcicki, has planned the year's speakers, and is excited for today's program with Joy Morin.

2nd VP and Membership Chair, Annie Artinian, states that we have 108 members. She will send letters to those who did not renew. Brenda suggests to tell members that they still have time, since ISMTA has allowed members to renew until the end of September.

AIM - Helen Grosshans reports that volunteers have stepped forward to help, they still need someone for Theory. Everything is online, as Harper is not available. Similar dates as in previous years will be in the yearbook. All repertoire must be submitted online. Levels 1 & 2 will take place in November, on Zoom. Some technique and theory, written and aural skills. The students will have access and will complete and send to the email address listed. Sight Reading, harmonization and transposition will be conducted live. Repertoire exams will be submitted ahead of time.

Mary Anne Block and Fran Onley will submit repertoire levels 1 & 2 and transposition level 4 at time of registration. Each individual must send email addresses so that they can complete their written exams the same day.

Suzanne Murray & Suzanne Fleer -- nothing to report, Level 12 exams will take place in April.

Helen Grosshans reports that the logistics are not completed, but it will be easier, since the repertoire exams can be done at any time. Helen reminds members to tell their students to film

their hands and the keys. She also states that this type of exam may be to their advantage, since they can record several times and send in a perfect entry.

Brenda Buchanan asks if other teachers will evaluate students, and Helen answers that assignments of judges will be made. Deb Lynch asks if parents should be asked to give their signatures, for ethical reasons, and Helen says that they will discuss in committee meetings.

BEETHOVEN FESTIVAL -- Olga Ulitsky has no report at this time, and would like to change entries to email, since the Weebly registration has not worked properly.

CERTIFICATION -- Jennifer Cohen is not here, no report

RECITALS -- Brenda Buchanan reports that Janna Gainulin will take over chairing the Pop & Jazz recital. Mary Anne Block asks if Jennifer Cohen is still willing to collect and record performances; Brenda will talk to her and ask. The Pop & Jazz recital is October 25, and the deadline is October 11. Please send checks to Chyi-Ling Evans.

Member Constance Hughes asks if the performances will be live, or pre-recorded, since, as a teacher at Elgin Community College, she has run into copyright issues with recordings. Brenda said that this was discussed at the Presidents' meeting. Constance asked if a provision is being made for educational performances? Brenda will check with ISMTA regarding copyright issues. Recitals will be on Zoom. Helen Grosshans states that with regard to copyright on media, the publishers should be contacted to see if they've relaxed their rules during Covid-19.

FINANCE -- no report

TICKET SALES -- no report

HOSPITALITY -- no report

IMT -- Maureen Flood reports that Rachel Wojcicki will be giving a "Yoga for Musicians" presentation at our October meeting.

ALL THAT JAZZ -- no report

LIBRARY -- no report

LUNCHEON -- no report

MUSIC BLOCKS -- Mary Anne Block reports that 20 students are enrolled in online lessons.

PUBLICITY -- no report

PARLIAMENTARIAN -- no report

SCHOLARSHIP -- Please see the information on the website -- College scholarships are available to teachers who have been members for 2 years.

WEBSITE -- no report

YEARBOOK -- As always, Maureen Flood encourages members to patronize our advertisers, as the yearbook expenses are covered by their ads. The yearbooks will be mailed out, and Deb Lynch sent out a link to the yearbook that you can use until you receive them.

OLD BUSINESS -- nothing to discuss

NEW BUSINESS -- The ISMTA will be online, Brenda has no idea about the price yet. The MTNA Conference in March 2021 will also be online, as will be the NCKP Conference in the summer of 2021.

Brenda Buchanan reports that the Presidents' meeting was informative. Some local chapters are back to meeting in person. NWSMTA is still among the largest groups in Illinois. There was some discussion about making presentations available throughout the state, so that other members can watch. Christopher Goldston will look into making this available on the state website. There is a possibility that members could get a link, which would be password protected so that only our members will be able to watch.

Craig Sale has been chosen as the Foundation Fellow for Illinois. Brenda suggests an \$80 donation. Helen Grosshans made a motion to donate \$100, which is the amount we have always given. Carol Walgren-Georgas seconded, motion was voted and approved.

No more new business, Suzanne Fleer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Marcia Mally seconded. Meeting adjourned.