

NWSMTA General Meeting JANUARY 20, 2020

The January meeting was called to order by president Carol Walgren-Georgas at 9:50 a.m. and took place at the Ela Area Library in Lake Zurich. Carol reminds people to let her know if they want to be seated at the Illinois table at MTNA to honor Janice Razaq and Chris Goldston. The Gala is now \$115.

MINUTES - Maureen Flood read the minutes. Helen Grosshans moved to approve and Deb Lynch seconded – 17 approved at meeting, but since there weren't enough people for a quorum, Deb Lynch suggested sending out a link and ask members for additions/corrections. If people do not respond, that will mean that the minutes have been approved.

TREASURER- Midori Kim - as of 12/31/19 Checking account is \$10,865.88 and as of 12/31/19 market balance \$30,668.35 \$511.63

1st VICE PRES/ PROGRAM CHAIR - Jennifer Cohen - Susan Osborn will present today.

2nd VICE PRES/ MEMBERSHIP - Annie Artinian 1 new member, reinstating Gina OM? We currently have 132 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM -Helen Grosshans reports that it was a true committee effort to pull together the January exam. The work times and student times are now listed on OPERA. When you register for March, please register with the correct spelling and level. Helen is checking on medals (with ribbon) which are given only the first time, not to be confused with award pins. Helen thanks everyone who has volunteered for this coming Sunday's exams, January 26. Be sure to get to the judges meeting, one half hour before the exams begin. Remind students to bring transposition music. Students who are planning on coming early to take aural tests, should not. AIM students will take their aural and written exams after their Keyboard skills exam Grading session will be held at 11:00 on Monday at Vonnie's home.

The March 15 exam is coming up, at Harper, with a deadline about a month ahead. Repertoire must be done in a timely manner.

As for the April 5 exam levels 10-11-12, all students will take the technic exam that day, level 12's should decide whether they want to do a recital or finish that day. Level 12 students taking the recital option pay \$50, which is the \$30 fee with an added \$20 for a recital, new rule. Judges for the recital will be using the exam format, just like at the exam, so students get a numeric score, per many teachers' requests

AWARDS -Olga Ulitsky, Olga Bornovalova - not in attendance

CERTIFICATION- Jennifer Cohen no report

CLASSICAL/POP/JAZZ RECITALS -Yoko Amano, Fran Onley, Mary Anne Block - Fran Onley reminds members to think about entering students in April (Fran Onley)

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS - Diane Adamek not present, sent letter announcing that Yoko Amano will be our new chairperson. The 2020 festival will be Oct 3 and 4. Diane turned in financial reports for 2019. The Northbrook Symphony covered deficit. Diane does not know if they'll be involved the coming year. New guidelines and repertoire will be added to the website soon.

FINANCE/VISION- Marie Rutter no report

GROUP TICKET SALES -Genya Kantorovich no report

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY - Janice Wilkans - no Report

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS- Maureen Flood no meeting, no report

JAZZ COMBO EXPERIENCE - Rachel Wojcicki no report

LIBRARY - Suzanne Fler no report

LUNCHEON -Justyna Weirich is thinking of trying a more reasonable restaurant, Brianna's in Palatine, to see if that allows for more people to attend.

MUSIC BLOCKS - Mary Anne Block couldn't be here, as she has been busy writing grants. She held recitals at Sunny Hill and 20 of the more experienced students performed at the Barrington Library,, and gave an excellent program. Mary Anne will consider doing more recitals if they receive financial assistance. Let Mary Anne know if you want to receive the Music Blocks newsletter.

PARLIMENTARIAN -Marie Rutter

PUBLICITY - RACHEL Wojcicki

SCHOLARSHIPS - Pat Brochardt - —reminded Carol to tell members to take note of the deadline of April 15.

SONATA/SONATINA FESTIVAL - Michelle Ryder no report

WHITMAN WONDERS- Helen Grosshans- 2nd semester has started, most have re-registered for semester, one or two couldn't make the 8 a.m. time.

WORKSHOP -Brenda Buchanan - no workshop, no report.

WEBSITE/ENEWS -Deborah Lynch, Maureen Flood

YEARBOOK - Deborah Lynch

OLD BUSINESS -

Brenda asked what by-laws or constitution items the Committee should be working on. Members answered that we need to check into the needed number for a quorum, as well as items in the constitution that need to be changed/updated, such as the rule about members needing to attend 3 meetings in order to enroll students in the Awards Competition.

Deb Lynch texted Rachel Wojcicki to find out about whether the survey has been sent out yet, and if there are any results, and Rachel responded that she has talked to non-members, asked them why they don't join, and has come up with questions for the survey, but has not sent it as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS –

Maureen Flood brought up that the money donated by Marilyn Crosland's family has not yet been spent. Part of it is to be used to hold a summer workshop in Dalcroze, which will be free for members. Maureen has contacted Jeremy Dittus, who gives a week of Dalcroze classes at DePaul University each summer. This summer it is August 3 - 7. We are looking at a weekend day either directly before or after that week.

Maureen suggests that, in addition to this workshop, some of the money be used toward teacher scholarships to offset the cost of the conference registration. Members could write in if receiving a portion of the fee as a scholarship would enable them to attend the conference. Helen Grosshans suggests giving first time attendees a scholarship. Maureen will stay in touch with Jeremy Dittus and the Crosland family and send something out this month.

Carol Walgren-Georgas announced that Harper College will be presenting their Chamber Music Festival on February 8, and our members Janice Razaq and Olga Bornovalova will perform.

Deb Lynch moved to adjourn the meeting and Brenda Buchanan seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.