

The February 16, 2015 meeting of NWSMTA was held at Faith Lutheran Church Arlington Heights, IL. At 9:55 am the meeting was called to order by President Robin Meredith-Kramer. A motion to approve last month's minutes was made by Helen Grosshans, and seconded by Marie Rutter. Motion carried. Chieko Garling, treasurer, reported we now have \$19,046.17 in the investment account and in the checking account \$15,777.69.

1st VP/Program Chair: Mi-Young reported Daniel Horn is presenting today's program on Debussy's music.

2nd VP/Membership Chair : Suzanne Murray reported we now have 136 members.

Committee Reports:

AIM: Helen reported that levels 5-12 theory are now completed. Mary Anne Block has score sheets and pins to pass out to teachers. Performance exams for levels 5-12 was on March 15. Students at levels 10-12 have the option of the April 12 date also. Level 12 students choosing to give a recital should make information clear on the registration form. Helen Chang reported 201 students took part in the exam on Jan 25 for levels 5-12. 36 teachers sent students. Thanks to all who helped and judged. Mary Anne Block reported there were 69 students in the February 8 exam, and 25 teachers. All went smoothly, and she thanked all for their help.

Awards Competition: no report

Certification: no report

Classical/Pop & Jazz: April 19 is the date. The deadline to enroll is April 5 (online entries only).

Festival of pianos: Diane Adamek has new repertoire list. Revisions are still in progress.

Finance/Vision: no report

Group Ticket Sales: no report

Historian/Hospitality: Janice Wilkans reported a condolence card was sent to Jill Hodges' family. She passed away. A memorial donation from our group was sent to the Institute for Therapy through the Arts for \$50.

Independent Music teachers: no report

Library: Suzanne Fleer encouraged all members to use our library. She passed out a list of all materials. The list is also on the web site.

Luncheon: no report

Parliamentarian: no report

Placement: no report

Publicity: no report

Scholarship: Pat Borchardt reported that all pieces must be memorized for college applications. Applicants can send a link or CD in the application, or have a live audition with a judge.

Sonata-Sonatina : no report

Whitman Wonders: no report

Workshop: Brenda held a raffle drawing amongst the members for free admission to one student and parent. Helen won the raffle. Fliers for the event were handed out and members were encouraged to give their students a copy and put up the fliers in local music stores, etc. Members were encouraged to have a raffle for free admission in their own studios.

Old Business: Mi-Young passed out last month's program notes from Dr. Razaq's program for those who may have missed it.

New Business: Robin reported she has a serious health concern which may prevent her continuing full time as president. Robin asked for prayers and well-wishes.

Helen reported that Tim Topham has a free online Beethoven 6-session course offered in his blog. She encouraged members to look at this.

Motion to adjourn was made by Marie Rutter, and seconded by Brenda Buchanan. Meeting adjourned.

Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary