

NWSMTA Meeting

May 18, 2015

The meeting was called to order by president Robin Meredith-Kramer at Francesca's Restaurant in Arlington Heights at 10:55 am. Motion to approve the April minutes was made by Deb Lynch and seconded by Marcia Mally.

Treasurer's report: Chieko Garling reported we have \$19,339.11 in the checking account, and \$19,137.61 in the investment account.

1st Vice President & Program Chair: Mi-Young Kim thanked the group for working with her, and reported she will be moving June 20.

2nd Vice President & Membership Chair: Suzanne Murray reminded all to renew their membership by June 30 in order to be listed in the yearbook and to be able to have students participate in upcoming events.

AIM Coordinator: Helen Grosshans reported level 12 recitals are being scheduled. Call her for dates and locations if you want to attend a recital. She has awards to hand out for levels 9-12. Some dates for November AIM evaluations may change. Members are welcome to join the AIM committee and attend meetings.

Awards Competition: The recital was great this year, and Horowitz' piano was used.

Certification: Jennifer Cohen reported the Certification Coffee is scheduled at her home for this Wednesday, May 20. Let her know if you want to come.

Classical/Pop& Jazz: We need a new chair for the Classical recital. Yoko Amano volunteered to chair.

Festival of Pianos: Sandy Liebowitz reported the 22nd consecutive Festival of Pianos will be held Sept 26-27 at Northbrook. Enrollment must be sent by June 30 to Diane Adamek.

Finance: no report

Historian: Janice Wilkans has sent a card to Alexis Ross and will send one to Diane Adamek.

Library: Suzanne Fleeer announced she spent the rest of the budgeted amount and bought DVDs to add to our library and two piano technique books. Items checked out today need to be returned at the September meeting.

Publicity: Yukiko Fujimura may be stepping down from her position due to her job keeping her busy.

Scholarship: Both camp and college scholarships were awarded. The college scholarship went to Nathaniel Lindstrom (student of Vonnie). He also earned one of the camp scholarships. The other camp scholarship winner is Ashley Boldt (student of Robin).

Whitman Wonders: Helen reported the recitals were held recently for parents during morning class. Parents were dedicated to get the students to school twice a week at 8:00 am for the class.

Old Business:

Robin reminded members we have an MTNA discount card at Office Depot. It gives us a fantastic discount. The card can also be used at Office Max.

New Business:

Robin presented a Certificate of Honorary Membership special award to Marilyn Crosland. She has been an active member for many years. She receives free lifetime membership in our local group.

Janice Wilkans announced several members have had birthdays this month, so we sang Happy Birthday to all.

Deb Lynch announced that at the state board meeting it was announced that anyone who has never attended state conference will be given free admittance. Sandy Liebowitz can attend for free because she is our Member of the Year. The next conference will be Nov. 6 at Moody Bible church in Chicago.

Installation of Officers:

Marie Rutter, Parliamentarian, installed the following members:

Maureen Flood – 1st Vice President & Program Chair

Sue Ioriatti – 2nd Vice President & Membership Chair

Laurie Sorman – Recording Secretary

Chyi-Ling Evans – Treasurer

Deb Lynch made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marie Rutter. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary