

NWSMTA Meeting

The April 21, 2014, meeting of the NWSMTA was held at the Rolling Meadows Library. The meeting was called to order at 9:50 by president Maureen Flood. Upon motion by Marilyn Crosland and second by Joan Drolet, the minutes of the February meeting held on March 3 was accepted.

Treasurer's report: Chieko reported we have \$24,316.20 in the investment account, and \$11,698.75 in the checking account.

1st VP /Program Chairs: Mary Anne Block reported our final program for the year is today, and is entitled Building Artistry Through Piano Miniatures. She also reported that several of our teachers performed last Sunday in the Musicale.

2nd VP/Membership Chair: Suzanne Murray reported we still have 140 members. She introduced new member Kathy Wlocke who joined in January. Yumi Lee Kim was also present, and is a new student member. Suzanne reminded members to pay dues on time – by July 1. Please send updates to Maureen for the yearbook.

Committee Reports

AIM: Vonnie reported that exams for Level 5-12 were held on March 16. 180 students took exams. The average score was 90.23. Helen Grosshans noted the brunch to be held on the first Monday of May.

Awards Competition: Galena reported this was held on Saturday, April 19, with 87 participants, and 35 winners.

Certification: Jennifer Cohen reported she is hosting a coffee on Tues May 20 at her house and encouraged anyone interested in learning about certification to attend.

Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals: Miyoung reported the Classical recital was held April 13. 34 students participated in the classical recital. Mary Ann reported 9 students participated in the Pop & Jazz recital.

Festival of Pianos: Sandy reported this event is scheduled for Sept 27-28. Applications and guidelines are online.

Library: Suzanne Fleeer reported new additions: DVD of Byron Janis, DVD on the history of the piano, Guide to the Pianist's Repertoire (book) by Maurice Hinson, Creative Piano Teaching book, Acoustic & digital piano buyer book, Larry Fine, ed. Members may check these and other materials out for the summer.

Luncheon: Justynna reported the luncheon will be May 19 at 10:30 at the Old Orchard Country Club. \$29.60 is due today from those attending.

Whitman Wonders : Helen Reported they recently had their final recital for the school year.

Old Business:

Janice Razaq's report from the state president's advisory council was read. According to Scott Gilligan, MTNA attorney, and Gary Ingle, MTNA Executive Director, local chapter boards must ask themselves if

an event provides a competitive advantage over the non-member teachers, and determine the answer. Questions addressed were as follows:

Should participation be open to non-member teachers and their students only if there is award money involved? Answer (Gary Ingle): It does not matter whether there is award money or not.

Should students of a non-member teacher be charged a higher fee OR should the higher fee be charged to the non-member teacher? Answer: This is up to the local chapter board.

Is a three-tiered fee structure permissible such as a) local member with the lowest fee; b) state member but not local with a higher fee; c) non-member with the highest fee? Answer: the fee structure should be determined by the local chapter board.

Does it matter if the event's location is in an "open" space vs. a "rested" public place? Answer: no

Is advertising of events outside of the group's meetings, newsletters or website required? Answer: no. Local chapters do not have to publicize events to a non-member.

No states reported having local chapters who have had complaints or actions brought against them by non-members. Gary Ingle noted that allowing non-members to participate in chapter events, but charging them a higher fee than members, may be a good recruiting tool for membership. The opportunity to participate at a reasonable fee may help them see the value of membership.

Marcia Mally reported on the Annual Conference. In one session, two professors from U of Iowa became interested in the large number of recordings of incorrectly played repertoire posted online. www.utube.com/ui pianoped They have put in place some levels for pieces which can be seen at www.iamta.org She also reported on some iPad apps that would be useful to teachers, like Flash Note Derby and Dust Buster II.

Nominating committee: Fran Onley reported the slate of new officers for next year:

1st VP Miyoung Kim, President, Robin Meredith-Kramer. Janice Wilkans will stay as corresponding secretary. There were no further nominations from the floor. Members voted to elect Miyoung and Robin to these offices.

Committee chairs need to submit their budget requests for next year and their job descriptions to Maureen by May 19.

Nominations for Member of the Year included Chieko Garling and Mary Ann Block. By a close vote, Mary Ann was elected Member of the Year, for which the annual conference fee next year will be paid.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 upon motion by Bev Lynch and second by Marcia Mally.