

## NWSMTA Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2014

The January meeting of NWSMTA was called to order at 9:50 by President Maureen Flood at the Rolling Meadows Public Library. Upon motion to approve by Marie Rutter and second by Fran Onley, the November meeting minutes were approved. Chieko Garling, Treasurer, reported that the balance in the checking account is \$12,595.90 and in the investment account, \$24,114.47.

Maureen thanked Mary Anne Block for hosting a wonderful Christmas party at her home in December.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chair Suzanne Murray reported our chapter currently has 137 members.

### Committee Reports:

AIM coordinator Helen Grosshans asked committee members to give their reports on respective levels. Mary Anne Block reported that there were 27 teachers who enrolled 136 students for the November evaluation of levels 1-4. More details are in the newsletter. Helen Chang and Joan James reported that for levels 5-12 theory, 39 teachers registered 210 students. This year, there will be no grading on the day of the exam. Instead, exams will be available the following Friday afterwards. Helen Grosshans reported that March 17 is the date of exams for Performance for levels 5-12. Levels 11-12 may be evaluated on either March 17 or May 4. Separate enrollment forms are necessary for these levels. Level 12 students can elect to perform in a recital instead.

### Awards Competition

An update in the newsletter states that the age level has been raised from 14 to 15 for intermediate students.

### Baroque festival

The correct date for the Baroque Festival is March 1. There is a \$10 enrollment fee. Notification of this will be sent out to other local MTNA chapters.

### Certification

A Coffee in May is planned by Jennifer Cohen.

### Classical/Pop/Jazz Recitals

Fran Onley reported that April 6 is the date for this. She encouraged students to play sonatinas and sonatas for this, as well as jazz and pop arrangements, which are all allowed. The pieces selected must be equivalent to AIM Level II.

### Festival of Pianos

Our 21<sup>st</sup> festival will be held this spring. Sandy Leibowitz encouraged all teachers to encourage their students to participate. The Festival will be in September at Northbrook Court.

#### Group Ticket Sales

Members are encouraged to see the CSO web page for their schedule and order tickets at a reduced rate from Genya.

Historian No report

#### Library

Suzanne Fleer reported we have added one new book to our library, "Thinking as you Play". She gave brief review of the book and encouraged members to check out the book.

Luncheon No report

Parliamentarian No report

Placement No report

#### Scholarships

Pat Borchardt reported that the deadline is April 1 for College scholarship applications. Students must be graduating high school this spring and enrolled as a college music major in any instrument. The form can be requested on the NWSMTA web site.

#### Whitman Wonders

Helen Grosshans reported on the 3-4 grade program. It is going well and they have started the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

#### Old Business:

Members discussed the issue of non-members entering students in our events and that of teachers entering students in our events but are not helping with events. How much should we charge? MTNA web site has info on this. Maureen will do more research. We are non-profit organization. We have nothing in our guidelines about non-members who want to enter their students. It was decided to table this discussion until next month's meeting.

#### New Business:

Janice Wilkans has music for sale on back table. Committee chairs, please prepare your annual reports, budget requests, and job descriptions. The discount for registration for the MTNA conference is good until Feb. 1.

Meeting adjourned upon motion by Deb Lynch and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marie Rutter.