

## NWSMTA Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2014

The meeting called to order by president Maureen Flood at 9:55 a.m. at the Rolling Meadows Public Library. Helen Grosshans made a motion to approve the January meeting minutes, with a second by Janice Wilkans.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance in checking of \$9,733.98; and in investment \$24,264.52.

Program Chair reports:

MaryAnn Block reported on today's program and April's upcoming program. April 14 is the Teacher's Musicales for all interested participants.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Membership chair Suzanne Murray reported as of Feb. 17 we have 140 members.

AIM coordinator Helen Grosshans reported levels 5-12 performance exams will be held on March 16, and 214 students are scheduled to play. The judges' meeting will be held March 10 at Suzanne Fleeer's home. Theory exams on Jan. 26 ran smoothly. The average score was 91. Level 12 exams now require just one judge. The new syllabus will come out in June.

Baroque Festival: Carol Walgren-Georgas reported was March 1. Fees were enough to meet expenses for the event. Three different concurrent programs/clinicians were running. A total of 17 teachers and 37 students participated.

Certification: Jennifer Cohen reported that the certification coffee is scheduled for May 20 at her house. March 25 is the date for the reception of newly certified members.

Classical/Pop & Jazz recitals: Miyoung Kim reported that April 6 is the next scheduled recital. She will make entry forms available on the web site. Each teacher is allowed a maximum of 16 minutes performance time for all students, and each student may play one piece/movement. Arrangements are not permitted for the Classical recital. Check the guidelines before signing up students.

Festival of pianos: Sandy Leibowitz reported that the repertoire is already chosen. All students are encouraged to participate if they have not yet. This year the recital will be recorded and made available on the web site. This will be our 21<sup>st</sup> year. All teachers are encouraged to come and observe the Classical/Pop & Jazz recital and the Festival of Pianos.

Luncheon – Justynna Krafft-Weirich reported the luncheon is scheduled for May 19 at Old Orchard Country Club. We need 30-35 people to sign up.

Scholarships: Pat Borchardt reported this is the last month to apply for college scholarships. We will award \$1000 to one student. Information is online on web site.

Old Business:

Regarding our question for memberships in national, state, and local chapters and fees for non-members and members who cannot help during events - Janice Razaq will bring up this question at the national conference president's advisory council so we will table this discussion until we learn more.

Photos in jpeg format can be sent to Chieko Garling or to Miyoung Kim to put on the web site. Please specify the event and date.

All committee chairs please prepare annual reports, budget requests and job descriptions for the April meeting.

During the upcoming MTNA convention, 5:00 Sunday evening is East Central division's meeting, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Everyone is encouraged to attend, and we must sign up for the dinner.

We need to select a nominating committee today. This committee must meet and report to Maureen before April 5. Volunteers Marie Rutter, Fran Onley, Marsha Mally, Deb Lynch and Suzanne Fler will comprise this committee.

Regarding the procedure for advertising in our newsletter, we currently charge \$10 for non-members. The Finance committee will review costs in newsletters, and in yearbook and report back so we can be consistent and fair in our pricing.

The Elgin Symphony Orchestra is presenting Symphony Safari April 7-11. These informative presentations are scheduled for 9:45 and 11:15 a.m. The cost is \$7 for the Family concert and \$5 for the concert on April 12.

Oakton 6 Ensemble is asking our chapter and the North shore chapter to attend a concert as a mixer. There was some discussion about this, but no decision was reached.

Motion to adjourn was made by Deb Lynch, and seconded by Robin. Meeting adjourned at 10:47.

Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary