

## **NWSMTA MEETING MINUTES, September 16, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., after Elizabeth Lieberman and Yoko Amano performed duet music.

Treasurer, Midori Kim, reports that our checking account has \$16,018.05, and the Fidelity account has \$29,476.31.

1st Vice President and Program Chair, Jennifer Cohen, has an exciting year planned for our programs. Today Winston Choi will be presented, and other programs include Susan Osborn, Svetlana Belsky and Stephen Alltop will also be with us this year.

### **AIM**

Helen Grosshans has invitations to the AIM Informational coffee on the back table, and has workbooks available. All dates are in the yearbook. The fall and winter AIM events do not have co-chairs, so those levels will not have exams unless volunteers come forward. This year in AIM, all deadlines will be enforced, no parents may call the co-chairs — they must direct all questions to their teachers. Level 12 has changed the date for the recital to any time up to July 31st. Fees will be higher, \$50, so that the judges can be paid. There will be a workshop on judging and sample judging.

**AWARDS** - no report

### **CERTIFICATION**

Jennifer Cohen is available to teachers wishing to pursue national certification, and will help them through the process. Laurie Sorman has been recently certified. She did 5 projects and it took her one year to complete after the application. Laurie explained that she took some classes at Harper, took lessons with Vonnie Mrozinski, and analyzed pieces in preparation. She had to write her teaching philosophy, studio policy, and a sample budget, and took videos of herself teaching, as well as performing advanced pieces. There were also ethics questions, relating to colleagues, students, parents.

### **RECITALS (CLASSICAL AND POP & JAZZ)**

Fran Onley asked teachers to think now and plan entries. Dates are October 27 and April 26.

### **FESTIVAL OF PIANOS**

This will take place on September 28 & 29. There are flyers available for students to give out to family, friends and schools. The Northbrook Symphony has been very supportive and will be there with flyers at the information table.

### **TICKET SALES**

Genya reports that members can order tickets themselves with the code CAMTA to receive \$20 and discounted tickets.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Pat Borchardt states that the college scholarship is now available to music majors and minors. It is \$1000, given in 2 payments directly to the college. There will be only one winner chosen. Camp scholarship rules are on the website. The family of longtime member, Marianne McGraw requested that donations go to NWSMTA for the camp scholarship. If members wish to donate

in her memory, send the checks to Pat Borchardt, made out to NWSMTA, with the memo "Camp Scholarship."

Carol Walgren-Georgas suggested making a donation to Catholic Charities in memory of Marianne McGraw, from NWSMTA. Maureen Flood moved to do so, and Janice Wilkans seconded.

### **HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY**

Janice Wilkans discussed memories of her friendship with Marianne and also gave history about her and Vivian Pintacura, who recently passed away, as well. Janice Wilkans moved that we donate \$50 in memory of Vivian, who was a founding member of NWSMTA, and Suzanne Fler seconded. Janice scanned 5 scrapbooks over the summer and they are available on our website.

### **PUBLICITY**

Rachel Wojcicki created a flyer and poster for the Festival of Pianos, and can send digital copies to members if requested, to share with students and families. She also created a Facebook event and asked that members share it on Facebook, so that it will reach more people.

### **ALL THAT JAZZ**

Rachel Wojcicki has set the date for the jazz combo experience for Father's Day, June 21, 2020. She asks members to start planning now and prepare your students for this experience. Pieces can be of the pop/rock/jazz genres.

Rachel is also sending a Google survey out to 13 younger members and to young professional musicians to ask about what types of meetings and events would appeal to them, as well as asking to include other instrumental teachers.

### **MUSIC BLOCKS**

Mary Anne Block thanks NWSMTA for their donation to her program, which provides building blocks to music literacy to underserved children at Sunny Hill School in Carpentersville. Twenty-four students are excited to be returning, and Helen Chang is now the program manager.

### **LIBRARY**

Suzanne Fler reminds members that our library contains books, CDs and DVDs. Members may check out 3 items, which are due back at the following meeting, with one renewal allowed. All materials are on the web site. There is a \$3 fine for returning materials late.

### **LUNCHEON**

The location for the luncheon has not been decided on, but the date will be May 18th, 2020.

### **SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL**

Michelle Ryder-Smith asks for early morning volunteers and high schoolers looking for community service hours to help set up the rooms, move pianos, and set up meals and snacks for the judges. Also, if you know of judges you would like to recommend, please let her know. Keep in mind that the levels must be appropriate for each student. Michelle also needs a

volunteer to help host the Gold Medal 2nd Recital, on November 17, as Elena is unable to do it. Janice Wilkans volunteered. Elena has removed the two - minute limit.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Marie Rutter, Brenda Buchanan and Vonnie Mrozinski met during the summer to determine what should be done about our quorum being too high. They suggested reducing the number for a quorum to 20 active members. There will be a 30 day notice to all members. Denise Dolins will be added to this committee, and she suggests that the section about meeting attendance also be amended. Deb Lynch mentioned going over the entire constitution.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Fran Onley reports that our former member, Kathy Schindel, has composed pieces that can be purchased at the Music Room in Palatine. They have all six of her compositions, which are geared to the intermediate student, and are all about 2-3 pages. Janice Razaq has played the pieces, and highly recommends them.

Suzanne Fleer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Deb Lynch seconded. Meeting was adjourned.