

The NWSMTA meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. at the Barrington Library by president Robin Meredith-Kramer.

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes as posted was made by Deb Lynch, and seconded by Vonnie. Chieko, Treasurer, reported we now have \$ 14,561.49 in the checking account and \$18,955.93 in the investment account.

1st VP Miyoung reported that our program today is presented by 4 of our members. Their bios are on our web site.

2nd VP Suzanne Murray reported we still have 134 members. New member coffee was held at her house, but no new members attended.

AIM report: Helen reported workbooks for Levels XI and XII are not ready yet. Look at the new syllabus carefully for changes. The deadline for levels 5-12 theory is January 2, and registrations should be sent to Helen Chang. Repertoire forms for III and IV Performance should be sent to Mary Anne.

Suzanne Fleeer reported the library fund earned \$97.13 from the library sale last month.

Mary Anne reported 140 students participated yesterday at the AIM evaluations; an increase from last year (126). There were 47 Level I students, 19 Level 2 students, 48 Level 3 students, and 26 Level 4 students. 29 teachers entered students this year. Thank you to all judges, assistants, and other workers, including Marcia Mally, Lynn Ergott and Janice Wilkans who helped even though they had no students participating – and to Bob Onley who tallied scores until 6:00 pm. Some teachers worked above and beyond their assigned task, including Brenda Buchanan, Joan James, Pei-Ju Liou and Diane Adamek. Everything ran very smoothly. Evaluations are not yet ready to be handed out. They can be picked up from Fran Onley before next Friday or at the Christmas gathering on Dec. 8.

Sandy Liebowitz: Festival of Pianos Repertoire meeting will be in January and she will report on repertoire requirements then.

Sonata/Sonatina festival: Mary Hough and Elena reported 396 students enrolled, and there were 178 gold medals awarded. 46% of those enrolled received gold medals. Discussion followed on the possible need for more stringent judging. Members shared their opinions. Mary brought reports and medals to hand out.

Workshop: The location is still to be determined. Any members who would like to be on this committee should contact Brenda.

Old Business: Our Member of the Year, Mary Anne Block, was presented with her certificate of appreciation. Carol Walgren-Georgas reported on the excellent Bartok concert by Logan Kelton at the state convention last weekend. The new state web site will be ready soon.

New Business: Helen suggested we consider holding a chapter meeting on a Sunday afternoon in September so members who are unable to attend our regular meeting time on Monday mornings can attend. Yearbooks could also be handed out at this time.

Helen Grosshans is our state Fellow this year. Carol Walgren-Georgas moved we give a donation to the MTNA foundation in honor of Helen, \$100 as in the past. This was second by Suzanne Flear. Motion carried. Individuals can also make donations on the web site.

Mary Anne Block announced our holiday gathering is Dec 8 at 10:00 at her house. Bring holiday music to play and a brunch item for refreshments.

Carol Walgren-Georgas announced that information about teacher enrichment grants from the foundation has been sent to members via e-mail, and it is also in our newsletter.

Motion to adjourn was made by Maureen, and second by Mary Hough. Motion carried.

Submitted by Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary