

NWSMTA meeting

Nov. 18 2013

The meeting was called to order by President Maureen Flood at 9:50 a.m. at the Arlington Heights Public Library.

Maureen asked if there was a motion to approve the Oct 14 minutes. Motion was made by Rick Lowe, and seconded by Marilyn Crosland. Motion carried.

Treasurers report: Chieko Garling reported the check book balance of \$ 7318.76, and the balance in the investment account is \$ 24,107.24. Chieko will host a meeting for members in December who want to learn how to post and use our new web site. An e-mail will be sent out with a date for this.

1st Vice Pres & Program: Chair Lisa Oehler reported today's program will be about incorporating Jazz into studio teaching. The Holiday party is Dec. 9 at Mary Ann Block's house. No gift exchange, but bring a favorite Christmas music arrangement to play, and bring a snack to share.

2nd Vice Pres & Membership: Chair Suzanne Murray reported on the recent membership coffee. Attendance was good; we have 5 new members. Total membership is 136 now. New addendums are available for the yearbook.

Committee Reports:

AIM Coordinator Helen Grosshans reported Theory exams Jan 26 for the upper levels. Forms must be postmarked by Jan 2 and sent to Helen Chang. The new syllabus will come out in June 2014. Marie Rutter reported 131 students participated yesterday at Harper College. Teachers can take theory test to those who did not take them yesterday. Vonnie reported repertoire for levels 5-12 must be approved by Lynette Zellis, State chair. Send her the first/last pages of the piece. If level 12, all pieces must be sent in for formal approval. Congrats to Vonnie for being named our member of the year.

Awards Competition: no report

Baroque Festival: Helen reported it is getting ready. Clinicians are being scheduled. It will feature centers where organ, dance, harpsichord, and Baroque performance for students' experience. Age requirement is 8 – high school.

Certification: no report

Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals: Fran Onley reported Oct 10 recital was great, 27 participants.

Festival of Pianos: Sandy L reported 21st festival is a go at Northbrook Court on Sept 27-28, 2014. She needs new members on the committee.

Finance/Vision: no report

Group Ticket Sales: Genya stated members can see her for ticket orders.

Historian/Hospitality: no report

Independent Music Teachers: no report

Library: Suzanne Fleer reported about Elyse Mach's book about her interviews with pianists and we have a copy of her book in our library. "Great Pianists speak for themselves" can be checked out. Also "4th Finger on Bb" by Joanne Haroutounian. She also recommended "The independent piano teacher's studio handbook" by Beth Lingenstein. Teachers can also check these out.

Luncheon: no report

Parliamentarian: no report

Placement: no report

Scholarships: no report

Sonata-Sonatina Festival: Mary Hough has score sheets and medals to pass out.

Whitman Wonders: Helen reported on Mondays all 3 classes come for enrichment activities away from the keyboard to reinforce rhythm, etc. They still in need 2 keyboards.

Tomorrow is the deadline for the Gold Medal recital. Contact Elena G.

Old Business:

ISMTA Conference – thank you to all who brought snacks for the Hospitality Room. Yoko Amano, Marcia Mally, Carol Walgren-Georgas, Helen Grosshans, Fran Onley, Deb Lynch, Justyna Krafft-Weirich, Janice Wilkans.

New Business: Plan to attend the AMTA conference in Chicago. Register before Dec. 2 for the old rate of \$295.

A question was raised about non-member teachers who want to have their students enter our events and competitions. We are a 501 C-3 and cannot turn away anyone who is not a member, but must allow them to participate. We could add a non-member teacher fee in addition to the student fee. It was decided to have a committee look into this and see what other chapters are doing.

There was discussion on parent/teacher volunteers for events such as Sonata/Sonatina festival. They must be able to work 2 hours. Maureen asked chairs and committees to discuss this change in guidelines and we will discuss this at the January meeting. Possibly we should add a phrase in the guidelines : if you cannot work or find a suitable replacement, do not enter students." We will table this issue till January.

Motion to adjourn by Brenda Buchanan, and seconded by Deb Lynch. Motion passed.