

General Meeting Minutes 11-27-17

Suzanne Murray called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The October minutes were read and approved by motion of Marie Rutter and Carol Ekblad.

Treasurer - Nancy Dempsey reported that the checking account balance at Harris Bank as of 11-26-17 is \$13,812.90. For the month of December 2017, the ending value of the mutual funds account at fidelity Investments totaled \$23,122.52 for a change in investment value of \$146.78.

Federal tax form 990-N for the fiscal year of June 30, 2017, was filed electronically on November 13, 2017. Nancy has had an unexpected schedule change so will not be available for Monday meetings but will continue Treasurer duties by mail or email.

The sale of Marilyn Crosland's music netted \$2000 and Stan Crosland added an additional donation of \$1000, for a total of \$3000. The funds will be used for teacher scholarships and to commission a piano duet in her honor to be performed at the Festival of Pianos next year.

1st VP - Brenda Buchanan was not able to attend. The program for the meeting today is on "Myofascia Release for Arms and Shoulders" by Eric Sutz.

Reminder was given about the Holiday party to be held at the home of Brenda Huang on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 10:00 AM.

2nd VP and Membership Chair, Laurie Sorman, reported that there are 130 members with the addition of 2 new members.

Committee Reports-

AIM - Helen Groshans recommended that teachers are aware of the answer key for levels 10-12 workbooks. She handed out templates of page 1 of every level in written exam to those who needed it. Suggestion - to look at the syllabus for information on questions that might be asked. Reminder - that December 14 is the deadline for AIM Theory Levels 5-12. January 15 is the deadline for repertoire approval. Fran Onley reported that levels 1-2 complete and levels 3-4 theory exams were held on Sunday, November 12 with 24 teachers and 116 students participating. IPODS were used for level 3-4. Much gratitude was expressed for all the help provided.

Classical Recitals/Pop and Jazz Recitals - Yoko Amano reported that the Classical Recital was held on October 29, 2017 at the Barrington Library with 9 teachers and 18 students, including 3 adults, who joined the performance.

Fran Onley reported that the Pop and Jazz Recital was held the same day with 7 teachers and 17 numbers with good variety in repertoire. Reminder - April 28, 2018 is the next date for the Recitals at the Rolling Meadows Library.

Historian/Hospitality - Janice Wilkans. No report.

Library - Suzanne Fler had books available from Marilyn Crosland's library for use and summarized several that were available.

Luncheon - Justyna Weinrich. This event will be Monday, May 14, 2018 at the Chicago Prime Italian in Schaumburg. Information on the website.

Scholarships: Camp and college - Pat Borchardt. Reminder of deadline on April 15, 2018.

Gold Medal Recital - Barrington Area Library. Fran Onley reported that the events went very well.

Whitman Wonders - Helen Groshans reported that she is preparing for the parent recital in 2 weeks and that all is well with the program.

Old business:

The sale of Marilyn Crosland's music was very successful in financial terms.

No new information on the Jazz Festival.

ISMATA conference report by Laurie Sorman on sessions she attended - one on performing with poise (emphasizing poise and not anxiety) - one on practical ideas for group lessons that dealt with the acoustic piano vs keyboard. Another session on the Alexander Technique presented very applicable ideas. Suzanne Murray brought the conference booklet for any who was interested in seeing it.

Mention was made of the West Suburban workshop of Performing Beethoven's Piano Works on February 22 at Wheaton College. Advertising brochures were available for anyone interested.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 by motion of Helen Groshans and seconded by Marie Rutter.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary