

General Meeting Minutes 10/16/17

Suzanne Murray called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. She called for a motion to approve the September 2017 minutes. Laurie Sorman made the motion to approve and Constance Hughes seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer - Nancy Dempsey reported that the checking account balance at Harris Bank as of 9/30/17 is \$14,791.08. For the month of September 2017 the ending value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments totaled \$22,975.74 for a change of investment value of \$120.92. An audit of our accounts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 was completed in September by Zoeller Consulting. The verified cash balance in our Harris Bank checking account as of June 30, 2017 was \$14,097.39. The Fidelity Investment account had a book value of \$21,410.99 and a fair market value of \$22,376.42.

NWSMTA received a letter of thanks regarding the reception of \$1000.00 for the MTNA Benevolence Fund.

MWSMTA received a letter of thanks regarding the donation to the Harper College Music Department.

1st Vice President - The program today is on "Awards Competition Repertoire" by Dr. Matthew Hagle.

2nd Vice President - Laurie Sorman reported that we have 127 members. The new member coffee was held at Laurie Sorman's home on Monday, September 25, 2017. 4 members were present with 2 new members.

Committee Reports -

AIM - Mary Ann Block reported that the Sunday - November 12 exam has 117 registered students with 24 teachers. There are many morning teachers available. There is need for afternoon teachers. Helen Grosshans brought samples of books for participating teachers to look at. Workbooks can be ordered through the State office or be picked up at the State Conference. Caution - workbooks are under copyright so no copies should be made. Buy the book twice if the student goes through it twice. AIM workshop next Monday at 9:45 at Helen's house, to answer questions and share ideas regarding prepping students with the workbook. The second exam is in January.

Certification - Jennifer Cohen is the ISMTA Member of the Year. Congratulations!

Classical Recitals/Pop and Jazz Recitals - Fran Onley reported that Sunday, October 29 is the Pop/Jazz Recital at the Barrington Library.. Today's deadline has been extended for 1 more

week. A teacher can enter more than 6 students. Registration for the Classical Recital is extended to the Wednesday before the event.

Festival of Pianos - Report by Sandy Liebowitz. A big "thank you" was extended to all who helped make it such a success. Preparations are underway for the 25th event on 9/29 - 30, 2018 with a repertoire meeting already. It is encouraged to have more students participating. A new member was recruited at this year's Festival.

Group Ticket Sales - Tickets are available for Lyric Opera, coordinated by Genya Kantorovich.

Publicity - Update from Rachel Wojcicki. \$9.00 was spent on Facebook advertising to reach 1700 people for Piano Festival information. Rachel has created a new letterhead for NWSMTA.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival - Jerry Dolins reported that entries are closed with 343 students, 53 teachers and 8 judges. The Festival is on Sunday, November 5 at Harper College.

Website News - Help is needed for the news site. If anyone needs help posting on the website, please contact Maureen Flood or Deb Lynch

Old Business - Music Sale to benefit NWSMTA - The extensive music library of Marilyn Crosland is for sale next Saturday - October 21 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday - October 22 from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday - October 28 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Address is 1111 Plum Grove Circle in Buffalo Grove. These funds collected will be used for teachers who wish to attend a conference, workshop, or class that they might not be able to afford. This scholarship for teachers will allow for attendance at future educational opportunities.

Maureen Flood and Rachel Wojcicki are coordinating the Jazz Festival for either March or May. Some places for the event have been contacted. A rehearsal will be scheduled. Possible repertoire list will be suggested. Details to be worked out yet.

Iliia Radislavov has contacted Maureen regarding a grant awarded to him at Illinois Wesleyan so he can travel for workshops and lectures. He will not charge a fee to the local group to present programs. He says he can do any workshop topic suggested.

New Business - ISMTA conference is November 3 - 4. If anyone is interested, carpooling is available.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 by motion of Maureen Flood and second by Brenda Buchanan.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary