General Meeting Minutes 9-17-2018

The meeting was called to order by Carol Walgren-Georgas at 9:45 AM.

There were no corrections to the minutes of May-14-2018. Minutes approved by Deb Lynch and seconded by Maureen Flood.

TREASURER report by Nancy Dempsey - the BMO Harris Bank checking account balance as of August 31, 2018 is \$16,970.44 As of August 31, 2018, the ending value of the mutual funds account at Fidelity Investments totaled \$28,053.33 for a change in investment value of \$194.16.

The financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 were reviewed by Zoeller Consulting, LLC. The verified cash balance in the BMO Harris Bank checking account as of June 30, 2018 was \$11,305.44. The fidelity Investment account had a book value of \$26,846.87 and a Fair Market Value of \$27,539.81.

1st VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIR - Jennifer Cohen. The complete yearly program is in the new membership booklet.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR - Laurie Sorman. Our membership totals 124, down from 137 at this time last year. Carol Walgren-Georgas is honored for 50 years membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM - Helen Grosshans (piano coordinator). All dates are in the membership yearbook. Registration is online. October 5, Friday at 9:45 is the date for the first AIM Workshop at the home of Helen Grosshans. Bring the AIM syllabus to the meeting. October 11, 2018 is the deadline for Levels 1-2 Exams(Complete) and Levels 3-4 Theory Exams.

AIM: Levels 1-2-3-4 - Annie Artinian & Joan James

Levels 5 - 12 - Helen Chang & Joan James

Levels 3 - 9 Performance - Helen Grosshans & Vonnie Mrozinski

Levels 10-12 Performance - Marie Rutter, Suzanne Fleer, Suzanne Murray

AWARDS - Olga Ulitsky and Olga Bornovalova. All information is in the yearbook.

CERTIFICATION - Jennifer Cohen. Certification renewable every year (\$15.00 to renew).

CLASSICAL/POP-JAZZ RECITALS - Yoko Amano, Fran Onley, Mary Anne Block. Will be held on Sunday, October 28, 2018. Information in yearbook.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS- Dianne Adamek, Sandy Leibowitz, Marcia Mally.

Dianne Adamek is the new Chairman and will work with Sandy Leibowitz and Marcia Mally. This is the silver anniversary of this event. We are the only group holding this event for 25 years consecutively. We have 2 conductors, 24 teachers and 271 participants. A student will be playing flute during City of Stars. Steinway is supplying 6 grand pianos. A formal "Thank You" to Joan Drolet was announced for serving for so many years at the Piano Festival.

GROUP TICKET SALES - Genya Kantorovich. Speak with Genya regarding tickets you may want. The system is the same as last year. Details on website.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY - Janice Wilkans. Anyone interested might send Janice a "miss you" card. Vivian Pintacura had a serious fall. A "get well" card would be appropriate to be sent to her.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS - Maureen Flood.

Jennifer Cohen, Helen Grosshans, Vonnie Mrozinski, and Beverly Taylor will continue the Studio Crawl - Practice Strategies - "Powerful Practice for Performance and Beyond" on Monday, March 18, 2019 LIBRARY - Suzanne Fleer. There will be a library sale at the November meeting. Suzanne suggested and described new books and DVDs available in the library to be checked out. All materials are available and described online.

SCHOLARSHIPS - Pat Borchardt. Pat reiterated the stipulations required for scholarships that are listed on the website.

WORKSHOP - Brenda Buchanan. Workshop listing in the handbook - Sunday-Monday, March 3-4, is still TBA.

YEARBOOK - Maureen Flood reminded us that the advertisers listed in the member handbook pay for all costs of the yearbook so please patronize them. Thank you to Deb Lynch for doing all the listings of events and dates. Jerry Dolins keeps tabs on the membership listing in the yearbook and announcements regarding the Sonata-Sonatina Festival at Harper..

WHITMAN WONDERS - Helen Grosshans reported that she had the first class of 3rd-4th grade "Music Learning Community".

Old Business:

Vonnie Mrozinski, Janice Razaq or Carol Walgren-Georgas are the contacts for events at Harper.

Teachers' Musicale date and place is still TBA because Steinway is no longer available in Northbrook.

New Business:

There are still 2 tickets available for Mary Ann Block's fundraising event. Contact Carol Walgren-Georgas if interested. Mary Ann's program is expanding with more students and new teachers hired.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:30 by Suzanne Fleer and seconded by Maureen Flood.

Judith Shaltry - Recording Secretary