

NWSMTA SPRING BOARD MEETING MINUTES — June 8, 2020

The board meeting took place on Zoom starting at 9:45 a.m.

The minutes were read from the September board meeting and approved.

Treasurer Midori Kim reports that there is \$15,220.18 in our checking account and \$30,195.72 in the Fidelity account. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

First Vice-President and Program Chair Rachel Wojcicki has not yet started booking speakers for the 2020-21 year.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair was not present

AIM Chair, Helen Grosshans, stated that they extended the video deadline and had 100 students participate. AIM will be online for the fall. Helen needs co-chairs to step up.

AWARDS Chairs Olga Ulitsky and Olga Bornovalova are unsure about the Awards Festival being held in April, but they are planning to host a Beethoven Festival in the fall.

CERTIFICATION No report

CLASSICAL/POP & JAZZ RECITALS--

Mary Ann Block & Fran need to discuss. At this time, they cannot promise a virtual recital. Jennifer Cohen volunteered to help them put together a virtual recital, by collecting student videos, but she would need someone to do the paperwork and collecting checks. It would be pre-recorded, not live on Zoom. Jennifer also suggests combining the Pop & Jazz recital with the Classical Recital.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS Chair Yoko Amano discussed doing a virtual Festival online, using the same repertoire, but only 3 pianos at the most. She will send an email to the committee regarding this possibility.

FINANCE — No report

TICKETS — No report

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY. Maureen sent cards to the family of Ilse Schmidt and Deb Lynch, filling in for Janice Wilkans

JAZZ COMBO — Rachel Wojcicki is waiting for a response from the contact person at Dirty Nellie's.....she will look into it later in the summer. If it is open, there may be limits on the number of people. Other suggestions from committee are to host the event at an outdoor bandshell. Currently, all pavilions are closed.

LIBRARY — Suzanne Fler reports that the Library has not been used much, which is a reflection on the small number in attendance. Members are encouraged to check out books over the summer, and Suzanne is looking into making E-books available.

LUNCHEON — no report

MUSIC BLOCKS — Mary Ann Block reports that the program continued for 16 students, and the foundation had keyboards and a piano donated. She hopes that they will be able to get back in to Sunny Hill School in the fall, and the program will continue.

PARLIAMENTARIAN — No Report

PUBLICITY — No Report

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP — no applicants. The donation of \$240 will be held over till next year.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP — Two entries, and Diane Adamek's student won, who will be attending the University of Iowa. Dr. Matthew Hagle judged.

SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL — Chairperson is not here, but it most likely will be canceled, as Harper is not open.

WHITMAN WONDERS — no report

WORKSHOP — Brenda Buchanan will no longer head up the Workshop Committee, as she is serving as President for the next 2 years. Perhaps there is a possibility of joining up with other chapters to present webinars.

OLD BUSINESS — The committee to revise and amend the Constitution and Bylaws, Brenda Buchanan, Chair, Vonnie Mrozinski, Marie Rutter and Helen Grosshans met 3 times. Approved by MTNA instantly, Vote was held to let the committee send out email for vote. Carol Walgren Georgas moves to do so, Fran Onley seconds, All in favor, and it will be sent out in the summer by Constant Contact. Revisions have strike-through with highlights, to show where changes were made.

NEW BUSINESS — A member contacted Brenda Buchanan, requesting monetary assistance to pay the dues, since her studio has been affected by Covid-19. Helen Grosshans suggests setting up a fund, to which teachers can apply. Discussion ensued. It was suggested that a scholarship be set up, with the state and local dues being covered for those who request assistance. Jennifer Cohen mentioned how Illinois State Competition winners are asked if they need assistance with travel expenses, and evaluated on a case by case need. Jennifer Cohen states that it will encourage teachers to continue, not to drop out. Deb Lynch suggests that the money go to members who have volunteered. Brenda will contact ISMTA & MTNA to ask if they will also help. Currently, the National dues are \$83, Illinois dues \$35, and NWSMTA dues \$20.

Helen moves that we set up a fund for monetary assistance that we appropriate \$50 for those who need help. Suzanne Fleer seconded. Vonnie Mrozinski states that all classes will be online at Harper, with only a limited number of employees, so we will have no access to Harper College. The AIM committee will decide on holding online exams. The Rolling Meadows Library owes us \$150 for room cancellation. Maureen Flood moves that we ask for it back, Marie Rutter seconds. Motion carried. Brenda Buchanan reminds the board that MTNA has sent out information on legal issues regarding Covid-19 and re-opening our studios, as well as a waiver for events.

BUDGET — Many chairpersons did not send in their budgets. Numbers are needed in order to plan for our coming year. Chairpersons discuss figures for the coming year. Many events are up in the air. Chairpersons should request similar figures as last year. It was decided to carry the budget discussion over until the fall board meeting. Maureen moves that we adjourn the meeting, Jennifer Cohen seconded. Meeting was adjourned.