

NWSMTA GENERAL MEETING – April 15, 2019

Carol Walgren-Georgas called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

Minutes from the last meeting could not be approved, for a lack of a quorum.

SECRETARY - Laurie Sorman is taking the minutes for Judith Shaltry.

TREASURER - Carol Walgren-Georgas reported, for Nancy Dempsey, that as of March 31, 2019, we have \$28,413.16 in the Fidelity mutual funds account.

1ST VICE PRES/PROGRAM CHAIR – Jennifer Cohen reported that the program for today is Matt Hagle, who will be performing the late Beethoven Sonatas. The Teacher’s Musicales is Monday, May 6, 9:30 am in the Dunton room at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library. If interested, please let her know what you would like to perform.

2ND VICE PRES/MEMBERSHIP – Laurie Sorman reported that we have 135 members, with one new member, Midori Nagasaka.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM - Levels 10-12 Performance - Suzanne Murray reported that score sheets and certificates are available in the back of the meeting room. About 55 students were tested at the exam. Please firm up senior recital dates as soon as possible.

AWARDS – Olga Ulitski reported that the awards recital was yesterday and despite the weather, it went smoothly. Attendance of 38 students was low; participation is usually near 90 students. Interest level is down, so we need to do something to engage more people. Only 8 teachers from NWSMTA participated. Carol asked for suggestions to attract more participants. Fran suggested that maybe the date conflicted with pop/ jazz recital or Chinese schools. It was suggested to perhaps combine this event with another group or to hold it every other year.

It was also suggested to have two different tracks – concert level and olympic level. Yoko Amano said that she did not enter students because a lot of the repertoire was not in print. Perhaps the Awards Committee needs more people.

CERTIFICATION – no report.

CLASSICAL/POP/JAZZ RECITALS – Yoko Amano gave the Classical Recital report, which had 28 students from 11 teachers. Some did not attend because of snow. Mary Anne Block gave the Pop/Jazz Recital report with 14 entries from 7 teachers. One missed for weather.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS – The festival deadline is June 30th. See the website for details and repertoire.

FINANCE/VISION – no report.

GROUP TICKET SALES – no report.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY- Janice Wilkans reported that Rick Lowe’s mom (Janet Lowe) has died. Please inform Janice if anyone else needs a card.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS – no report.

JAZZ COMBO EXPERIENCE –Rachel Wojcicki met with committee members, Maureen Flood and Justyna Weirich. The event will be held on Sunday, June 2, at Dirty Nellies. The recent fire at Dirty Nellies did affect the kitchen, so there will possibly be no full meals this year, but they will have beverages. The cost of participation is \$30 per student, which covers a sound technician and the musicians. Last year, there were 26 students in 2 sets. They are open to creating a 3rd set this year. Students are welcome to improvise, but they don’t have to. Teacher could arrange it so that they could improvise over 8 bars. The guidelines and rules on the website. The registration deadline is May 13th. Email Rachel with questions.

LIBRARY – Suzanne Fleeer recommended some new books in the library, including one by Lori Rhoden, our recent workshop clinician.

LUNCHEON – Please give your checks or cash in the amount of \$33 to Justyna Weirich for the NWSMTA luncheon on May 20th, 10:45 am, at LaTasca in Arlington Heights. We need at least 25 in attendance.

MUSIC BLOCKS – Mary Anne Block reported that her organization serves 28 under-resourced students in the Carpentersville area.

PARLIMENTARIAN - no report.

PLACEMENT – no report.

PUBLICITY – Rachel Wojcicki – contact her with your publicity needs.

SCHOLARSHIPS – applications due today by midnight.

WHITMAN WONDERS – no report.

WORKSHOP – no report.

WEBSITE/ENEWS – no report.

YEARBOOK – no report.

OLD BUSINESS- A report was given by the nominating committee (Maureen Flood, Annie Artinian, and Yoko Amano). They nominate Annie Artinian for 2nd Vice-President of Membership and Midori Kim for Treasurer.

Carol Walgren-Georgas asked for additional nominations from the floor.

Mary Anne nominated Maureen Flood to fill the open position of Secretary and Jennifer Cohen seconded the motion. Marie Rutter motioned to accept the slate of officers. Jennifer Cohen seconded that motion. All in favor were the 24 members in attendance, which is not a quorum. An email vote will need to be taken, as we need 3 more votes to approve the new officer slate. Officers will be installed at the luncheon.

Current officers should hand in the duties of their office before the May meeting.

NEW BUSINESS - Carol Walgren-Georgas asked for member of the year nominations. Those nominated were Yoko Amano, Annie Artinian, Jennifer Cohen, and Laurie Sorman. Yoko Amano received the most votes and will get to attend the ISMTA conference at no charge, as Member of the Year.

At 10:45 am, Maureen Flood made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Sorman seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.