

NWSMTA AGENDA – GENERAL MEETING – January 21, 2019

November meeting was cancelled due to weather.

SECRETARY – Laurie Sorman is filling in for Judith Shaltry indefinitely while she cares for her sister. The previous minutes could not be voted on, because our attendance did not meet the minimum for a vote.

TREASURER - Committee reports should be sent to the treasurer, Nancy Dempsey, by Jan 28th, for committees who have completed their responsibilities for the 2018-2019 year (AIM Levels 1-4, Yearbook, Festival of Pianos, and Sonata-Sonatina Festival).

President – Carol Walgren-Georgas reported that MTNA Grant applications are due May 1st.

1ST VICE PRESIDENT & PROGRAM CHAIR –Jennifer Cohen reported that Dr. Soo Young Lee is our program presenter.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT & MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – Laurie Sorman reported that our membership is at 132, with 11 members added and 16 members deleted this membership year. New member coffee in October was a success, with 2 new members and 6 board members in attendance. Dues discussion by board members via email will be re-visited at the June board meeting, because the 2012 Bylaws are in need of some clarification.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM - Helen Grosshans, Chairman

AIM Levels 1-2 Complete, 3-4 Theory – no report.

AIM Levels 5-12 Theory – Helen Chang reported that the exams will take place on January 26th, at Harper College from 9am to 5pm. 232 students are registered with 40+ teachers participating. Schedule is complete and viewable online through Opera, so no more changes will be made. Judges meetings will be on the day of the exam, at 8:15am and 12:15pm.

AIM Levels 3-9 Performance – Vonnie Mrozinski reported that the event will be held on March 10th, with a registration deadline of February 10th, but deadline for special repertoire is passed.

AIM Levels 10-12 Performance – no report. According to Helen Grosshans, program approval is ongoing, however Jennifer Cohen reported that Approval Coordinator Stephanie Myers said the program approval deadline was January 15th.

AWARDS – Olga Ulitski & Olga Bornovalova were not in attendance, but Carol Walgren-Georgas reported that Deb had put November program about awards repertoire online. Members reported liking that, because “insert name here” was able to go into more detail. If anyone needs the link, send an email to Deb Lynch. Jennifer Cohen would like our group to consider videotaping future sessions, especially if the speaker is several states away. It was mentioned that maybe one program a year could be a video program.

CERTIFICATION –Jennifer Cohen – no report.

CLASSICAL/POP/JAZZ RECITALS –Yoko Amano reported that the classical recital is on April 14th at the Rolling Meadows library. Pieces must be memorized.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS –Dianne Adamek reported that she and Sandy Leibowitz met in January with the Northbrook Symphony Orchestra (NSO) and The Meemic Foundation, through the help of our new member, Mehdi Alister, who will underwrite some of the cost of the festival in return for light advertising at the event. She has a longer report which she will ask Deb Lynch to put this on the website. She passed out festival literature and discussed some of the repertoire updates. Two conductors, Fran Evens and Jennifer Merry, are confirmed for the event, which will be held on September 28 & 29, at Northbrook Court. The committee is in need of a back-up conductor.

The NSO will be having upcoming concerts on March 24 and May 5, 2019. There are discounted tickets for families and teachers. Students will be invited onstage after the concert to meet the performer.

FINANCE/VISION –Marie Rutter – no report.

GROUP TICKET SALES –Genya Kantorovich – no report.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY- Janice Wilkans was not in attendance, but reported that a “thinking of you” card was sent to Judith Shaltry. Please inform Janice of any future needs to send cards.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS –Maureen Flood reported that our Studio Crawl members (Jennifer Cohen, Helen Grosshans, Vonnie Mrozinski, & Beverly Taylor) will give a presentation at the March meeting.

JAZZ COMBO EXPERIENCE –Rachel Wojcicki will be presenting “Follow the Lead-er” next month in preparation for All That Jazz event on June 2nd.

LIBRARY –Suzanne Fleer is holding a library sale. Books will be donated to the Rolling Meadow library after today’s sale.

LUNCHEON –Justyna Weirich changed the luncheon venue to La Tasca in Arlington Heights and will confirm details by the next meeting.

MUSIC BLOCKS – Mary Ann Block gave an update on her Music Blocks program. The first semester ended and all 27 students performed in a holiday program. Music Blocks is partnering with the Barrington White House to offer a free interactive performance featuring Llewellyn Sanchez-Werner. The event will be held on Saturday, February, 2019 at Barrington’s White House, 145 W. Main Street, Barrington. Times are 2:00 -3:00 p.m. for elementary students (Grades 1-5), accompanied by parent or care-giver and 3:30-4:30 p.m. for middle School & high school students. A full piano recital will be on Sunday, February 3rd, at 3:00 p.m.

PARLIMENTARIAN –Marie Rutter – no report.

PLACEMENT –Joan Drolet – no report.

PUBLICITY – Rachel Wojcicki sent in a report that she will be working to advertise for the March Workshop online and would love for members to take some fliers to post at your local coffee shop, music store, library, church, or gym if allowed. Maybe we can have fliers printed as well for the Feb 18 meeting for anyone not in attendance today. Email Rachel with any publicity related matters anytime!

SCHOLARSHIPS – Pat Borchardt - no report.

SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL –Michele Ryder – no report.

WHITMAN WONDERS –Helen Grosshans – The students have been really reliable this year. They had an end of semester program and it was a success! The 2nd semester is underway.

WORKSHOP –Brenda Buchanan reported that Lori Rhoden, DMA, will be our workshop clinician on March 3 & 4th. She will share good ideas on student management and student teaching. The event will be advertised through ISMTA and Facebook. The masterclass class portion of the workshop is in need of late intermediate or early advanced students. Please email Brenda if you have interested students.

WEBSITE/ENEWS –Maureen Flood, Deborah Lynch – no report.

YEARBOOK –Deborah Lynch – no report.

OLD BUSINESS – Minutes from September, October, and January need approval, but a quorum of 27 members was not present at any of those general meetings.

Conference highlights: Vonnie Mrozinski reported that Sylvia Wong gave a wonderful talk and concert. Janice Razaq gave a wonderful session with delightful pieces. The piano technician session was very entertaining. Vonnie made the brochure available for people to view. Deb Lynch liked the variety and quality of programs and thought they were the best in last 6 years. Jennifer Cohen enjoyed the program by Clinton Pratt, especially his policy of flexible scheduling. She contacted him about a future program, but he is quite a distance away (Ohio). Perhaps, this could be a program in video format.

NEW BUSINESS – none.

Brenda Buchannan motioned for adjournment and Maureen Flood seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.