

April 18, 2016 – General Meeting Minutes

Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. She asked if anyone had any changes to the March minutes. Carol Walgren-Georgas motioned to accept the minutes and Marcia Mally seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the minutes from the previous meeting.

TREASURER – Chyi-Ling Evans reported the following:

Harris Bank had a beginning balance as of 3/21/2016 of \$18,169.96 and an ending balance as of 4/17/2016 of \$18,020.16.

Edward Jones had a beginning balance as of 3/21/2016 of \$19,102.16 and an ending balance as of 4/17/2016 of \$19,170.70.

1st VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRS – Maureen Flood announced that Susan Tang would be giving a program entitled “Beyond, Behind and Between the Notes” later today.

2nd VP AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR – Sue Ioriatti reported that we have 134 members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM COORDINATOR – Marie Rutter announced that AIM exams for Levels 10-12 were held on April 17. Score sheets are available. About 60 students participated. Helen Chang had medals to distribute.

AWARDS COMPETITION – Olga Ulitsky reported that the awards competition was held and winners were announced. There were fewer participants this year because the competition was too close to Spring Break and the Level 10-12 AIM exam. This could be brought up at the upcoming board meeting. The question was asked why there was no first place winner. It was explained that first place was not awarded at the judge’s discretion, which is common at competitions. The Awards Recital will be held on April 23rd at the Steinway Gallery.

CERTIFICATION – Call Jennifer Cohen if you are interested in attending the annual certification coffee at her home on May 18th, 9:30am.

CLASSICAL / POP & JAZZ RECITALS – Recitals will be held on April 24th at the Rolling Meadows Library. There are twenty-three participants in the jazz and pop recital.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS – Marcia Mally reviewed the festival music. Deadline for entering students is June 30th.

FINANCE – no report.

GROUP TICKET SALES – no report.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY – Helen Lobosco had breast cancer surgery, so Janice Wilkans sent a card. She will discuss what to send for Robin Meredith-Kramer at the upcoming board meeting. Robert Vandall has cancer and is undergoing treatment.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS – A great opportunity is available for someone to chair or co-chair this committee. It is a once a year commitment of providing a program.

LIBRARY – Suzanne Flear reported that the library has two new CD's by pianist, Richard Glazier (gifted by Laurie Sorman). Maureen gave Suzanne a list of books from the MTNA conference. She has a book / CD to donate at a later date.

LUNCHEON – Justyna Krafft-Weirich collected luncheon money (\$25 each) from members. The luncheon will be held on Monday, May 16, at Sun Shui Fine Chinese Cuisine & Sushi in Arlington Heights. A general meeting followed by lunch will start at 10:45am and go until approximately 12:30pm.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – no report.

PLACEMENT - no report.

PUBLICITY – Rachel Wojcicki passed around six different logo designs and we voted to use one of her new designs. All committees should keep Rachel in mind for their publicity.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP – no report.

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP - no report.

SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL– no report.

WHITMAN WONDERS – no report.

WORKSHOP – no report.

YEARBOOK – no report.

OLD BUSINESS – Maureen Flood asked for nominations from the floor for Vice-President. She needs a report from the nominating committee regarding the Vice-President / program chair opening. Suzanne Murray was voted in as the new President and Lily Zhang is corresponding secretary. New officers will be installed at the luncheon.

Maureen Flood reported that she is still working out the details of the fundraiser that will use the antique piano of Dr. Kenneth Drake.

A successful Teacher's Musicales was held on April 11th. Programs were made available.

Please turn in your committee and budget reports to Maureen and Chyi-Ling Evans.

New Business – Sadly, our President and friend, Robin Meredith-Kramer has passed away after a long battle with cancer. Several tributes and fundraisers are planned to honor her. We also discussed commissioning a composition in Robin's honor to be premiered at the Festival of Pianos. Possible composers are Dennis Alexander, Melody Bober, Martha Mier, and Kevin Olson. Maureen Flood and Marie Rutter proposed that we use the additional conference travel money toward the composition fee.

Marcia seconded that. Suzanne Murray moved that we should also give the President plaque to Robin's family. The vote passed. A memorial for Robin is planned for late May or early June. It will be called The Gathering.

It was decided to remove the two meeting rule for all recitals/competitions/festivals on the website.

The Piano Ensemble directed by Janice Razaq will be held at Harper College on May 14th at 7:30pm.

Suzanne Murray invited Terry Lynch to the luncheon as our guest – we voted and all were in favor.

Deb Lynch reported that Terry is done working on the AIM search functions. Send him comments and suggestions as needed.

Maureen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marie Rutter so moved, and Janice Razaq seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.