

## **February 15, 2016 – General Meeting Minutes**

Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. Deb Lynch moved to approve the minutes as published. Pat Borchardt seconded that motion.

**TREASURER** – Chyi-Ling reported the bank amounts as follows: Edward Jones – cash \$12,504.15 and mutual funds \$6590.74. She asked for suggestions for what to do with the cash balance. Maureen will send an email reminder to Rick Lowe for his committee to discuss.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRS** – Maureen announced that Kathlyn Sbarboro would be giving the program after today's meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP AND MEMBERSHIP CHAIR** – Sue Ioriatti reported that we have 135 members in NWSMTA. We welcomed a new member, Tracy Snow, from Arlington Heights.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIM COORDINATOR** – Helen Chang (AIM Theory Chair) announced that there were 240 students from 42 teachers in the recent exams. There were 5 makeup exams. There will continue to be online registration for the next exam. Marie Rutter and Suzanne Murray are co-chairpersons for the Performance Level 10-12 exams on April 17<sup>th</sup>. Helen Groshans will field questions about online AIM registration. Deb Lynch says that Internet Explorer does not work well for Repertoire search online.

**AWARDS COMPETITION** – The date is incorrect in the recent and past newsletters.

**CERTIFICATION** – no report.

**CLASSICAL / POP & JAZZ RECITALS** – no report. **FESTIVAL OF PIANOS** – Marsha Mally is busy planning repertoire for the festival. . The tentative date of the event is Sept 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> with registration due by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE** – no report.

**GROUP TICKET SALES** – no report.

**HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY** – Janice Wilkans is selling Lyda Samuels music for half price. Janice has been working on Yearbook 2 and needs someone to put it on the website. Check Yearbook 1 on the website for history of NWSMTA.

**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 Fleeer has one new publication called Professional Piano Teaching Handbook for intermediate to advanced levels. She will be sending out emails to those members who owe past due fines.

**LUNCHEON** – no report.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** – no report.

**PLACEMENT** - no report.

**PUBLICITY** – no report.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP** – The scholarship deadline is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Pat Borchardt read a thank you note from last year's winner (Vonnie Mrozinski's student). All information and forms are available online for graduating seniors.

**SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL**– no report.

**WHITMAN WONDERS** – no report.

**WORKSHOP** – no report.

**YEARBOOK** – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Happy Valentine's Day from Robin Meredith-Kramer. She is still at Lutheran General Hospital, Room 705. She is building up strength by walking.

Maureen Flood has been researching a location for Dr. Kenneth Drake's student recital on his antique piano. The Barrington library does not allow you to take money for events. She mentioned checking into the Whitehouse of Barrington (mansion), Marsha Mally suggested the Park Ridge Library, and Diane Adamek suggested Robin's church.

We are in need of a new person to head up a Celebration of Music as Helen Groshans needs to step down as chairperson. Marsha Mally will head up the committee with the following members: Diane Adamek, Deb Lynch, Justyna Krafft-Weirich, Mary Ann Block, Helen Groshans, and Fran Onley. The Celebration could be a play-a-thon or a music fun fair with cakewalk. A collaborative recital with piano and other instruments was also discussed. A possible location is Robin's church.

**NEW Business** – Maureen reminded all committee chairpersons to keep very detailed annual reports, budget, and job descriptions which are needed for the April meeting.

A nominating committee was chosen because the following offices will need to be filled: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, and Corresponding Secretary. The position of Corresponding

Secretary entails mailing newsletters and information to people without email (4 people) and mailing cards as needed. Marie Rutter, Suzanne Fler, Suzanne Murray, Marsha Mally, and Fran Onley all agreed to be on the nominating committee. They will choose a chairperson, who will provide names by March as the vote is in April.

Maureen Flood asked if her expenses to attend the MTNA conference would be covered if she attends as Acting President during Robin's absence. It was agreed that any cost incurred would be covered.

Jerry Dolins said that we should not use Internet Explorer anymore because Microsoft stopped supporting it last month.

Maureen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb Lynch so moved, and Marsha Mally seconded the motion.