

## **General Meeting Minutes 01/16/17**

Brenda Buchanan started the meeting, since Suzanne Murray was delayed due to car trouble. Upon Suzanne's arrival, Brenda moved to approve the minutes from the November meeting and Fran Onley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** The ending balance of the Harris Bank account as of 1/15/17 was \$13,702.75. As of 11/30/16, the Fidelity Investment account value was \$20,856.94. The dividends income from 11/1/2016 – 11/31/2016 was \$37.97. The year-to-date dividends income was \$39.32.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President** – Bruce Berr is our speaker today. He will speak on the topics that were submitted. We are taking him out to lunch afterwards.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President** – No report.

### **Committee Reports:**

**AIM** – Helen Chang and Joan James reported that the Theory exams for Levels 5 - 12 will be on January 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. 216 students are registered with 38 teachers participating. The student numbers are as follows – level 10 has 23 students, level 11 has 11 students, and level 12 has 29 students. Student exam times have not been published yet. A judge's and aural skills meeting will be held next Monday at the Rolling Meadow library. Remind your students taking the exam to bring their workbook for the transposition portion of the test and to take the written test and aural skills test after their playing time.

Vonnie Mrozinski reported that the Level 3-9 Performance exam deadline is February 8<sup>th</sup> for the March 12<sup>th</sup> exam. Teachers can register now and no payment is needed.

Suzanne Fleer reminded us that all level 12 pieces must be approved by Stephanie Myers, even if they are in the Syllabus.

**Awards Competition** – no report.

**Certification** –no report.

**Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals** – Recital is April 30<sup>th</sup> and the deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Festival of Pianos** – no report.

**Finance / Vision** – no report.

**Group Ticket Sales** – no report.

**Historian / Hospitality** – Please send relevant newspaper articles to Janice Wilkans.

**Independent Music Teachers** – Maureen has a great program coming in March.

**Library** – Suzanne Fleer added a book by Barbara Kreader to the library.

**Luncheon** – no report.

**Membership** – Jerry Dolins gave the report for Sue Ioriatti, who was out of town. He reported that we have 125 members. We have 10 new members and we lost 20 members this year.

**Parliamentarian** – no report.

**Placement** – no report.

**Publicity** – no report.

**Scholarship** – Scholarship information is in the current newsletter.

**Sonata-Sonatina Festival** – no report.

**Website / E-news** – no report.

**Whitman Wonders** – no report.

**Workshop** – Peter Mack is the workshop clinician on March 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Lunch will be ordered from Simply Delicious and the workshop will be held at Countryside Church in Palatine. Brochures will be mailed to members. Deb Lynch will check into having Justin (ISMTA) send out an email blast.

**Yearbook** – no report.

**Old Business** – West Suburban MTA is having a workshop on February 23<sup>rd</sup> called Performing with Poise.

**New Business** – Maureen Flood is selling copies of 201 Ways to Drive Your Piano Teacher Nuts by Helen Velleuer for \$5 each.

Justyna Weirich asked about the Level 12 recitals. They should be done by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Please let Suzanne Fler know the date and time of the recital.

We need more articles for the newsletter submitted to Deb Lynch – the deadline is the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. Around 60 % of our membership opens the newsletter.

Maureen Flood made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Deb Lynch seconded that motion. The meeting was adjourned.