

January 18, 2016 – General Meeting Minutes

Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. She reported that Robin Meredith-Kramer had emergency surgery on Saturday, but is doing well. Robin's daughter, Nora, said that she is in surgical intensive care, but not running a fever. She will be transferred to a regular room at Lutheran General Hospital in a few days. Maureen is planning to bring flowers or a living plant this week from our group. There is a card going around for Robin.

Deb Lynch motioned to approve the November minutes and Genya Kantorovich seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

TREASURER - Chyi-Ling Evans was not present but gave her report to Maureen. The Harris bank account balance is \$14,184.60. Chyi-Ling has been trying to get the paper statement for the Edward Jones account, without success, so she is putting down the same number as October, 2015, which is \$19,153.00.

1st VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRS - Maureen Flood thanked Deb Lynch for hosting the Christmas Party this year.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AIM COORDINATOR – Helen Grosshans reported that if you have a piece that is not on the repertoire list, scan and email the first and second page for approval to Stephanie Myers. The information is on the ISMTA website. Deadline is currently past so you must go to local chairs, Vonnie Mrozinski and Helen Grosshans, for that approval for the upcoming exams.

Mary Anne and Fran Onley reported that they have pins from November exams.

Helen Chang reported that scheduling is done for the exams to be held on January 31st. Online registration went well - 219 students entered from 39 teachers for level 5 through 12. She still needs front desk helpers and they can be high school students who need volunteer hours.

AWARDS – Deadline for Awards Competition is March 13th.

CERTIFICATION – no report.

CLASSICAL / POP & JAZZ RECITALS – no report.

FESTIVAL OF PIANOS – Sept 24 and 25th are the dates of this upcoming event. Repertoire has been chosen and will be on the website next month. Festival conductor, Fran Evens, is visiting with us today.

FINANCE – no report.

GROUP TICKET SALES – no report.

HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY – Janice Wilkans thanked Deb Lynch for doing the newsletter this month. Janice has a \$50 budget and plans to donate \$25 for Pancreatic Cancer in memorial for Lyda Samuels. She mentioned that the family has a piano to give away and will provide Deb with the information.

Justyna Krafft-Weirich visited with Robin Meredith-Kramer recently and reported that she will be in the hospital for several weeks.

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHERS – no one is currently heading up this committee.

LIBRARY – Suzanne Fler reported that we made \$62.65 at October sale. She has a new book in the library called Music Apps for Music Teachers.

LUNCHEON – no report.

PARLIAMENTARIAN – no report.

PLACEMENT - no report.

PUBLICITY – no report.

SCHOLARSHIP – no report but there is an article in the newsletter.

SONATA-SONATINA FESTIVAL– no report.

WHITMAN WONDERS – Fran Evens reported there are about 40 students this year. She offered a big thanks to Helen Grosshans for providing this opportunity to low economic students.

WORKSHOP – Brenda made a motion to use workshop funds for a Celebration of Music. Deb Lynch seconded the motion.

YEARBOOK – no report.

OLD BUSINESS – We had a drawing for prizes that Robert Vandall sent to our organization because of his recent cancelation due to illness. The winners were Helen Grosshans and Carol Walgren-Georgas.

NEW BUSINESS – There were some possible fundraiser ideas suggested. Genya Kantorovich suggested selling tickets (\$5 each) to studio recitals. Helen Grosshans suggested holding a student festival / play-along in the format of a Celebration of Music, using workshop funds as seed money. Helen will head up this possible event. Ideas include activities, games, recitals, silent auction, and raffles. There is also the possibility of Dr. Kenneth Drake's student's performance on an antique period piano to be done as a fundraiser.

Maureen Flood asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Sorman proposed the motion and Brenda Buchanan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Maureen took a "selfie" picture of the group to share with Robin.