

General Meeting Minutes 03/20/17

Suzanne Murray called the meeting to order at 9:56 am. Marie Rutter moved to approve the February 20th, 2017 minutes and the motion passed.

Treasurer: Chyi-Ling Evans reported that the ending balance of the Harris Bank account as of 3/19/17 was \$15,191.76. As of 02/28/17, the Fidelity Investment account value was \$21,817.51, which is a change of \$391.53 from last period. The treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President – The program for today, “The 21st Century Piano Teacher”, will be presented by Deb Lynch and Rachel Wojcicki. Next month's program, entitled “Girl Scout Tricks - What Music Teachers Can Learn About Retention from Scouting”, will be given by Dr. Mary Beth Molenaar.

Any teachers who want to perform in the teacher's musicale should get in touch with Brenda Buchanan.

2nd Vice-President – Sue Ioriatti reported that we have 126 members with 1 new member, Linda Strickland.

Committee Reports:

AIM –The AIM Performance Levels 3-9 exams were held Sunday, March 12 at Harper College. A total of 184 students participated in the exam. Thank you, Teachers, for your participation in preparing students and helping out the day of the exam!

Teachers can pick up AIM exams, certificates and dictionaries from Fran Onley at today's meeting. Level 9 plaques will be available at a later date. Makeup exams should be completed by March 31st.

The AIM Performance Exams Level 10-12 will be held at Harper College on April 23rd. They are in need of help in the morning. Please contact Marie Rutter or Suzanne Fleer if you are available.

Awards Competition – no report.

Certification –no report.

Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals – Registration for the Pop & Jazz recital (to be held at Rolling Meadows Library on April 30th at 3:30pm) is available online. Please send the \$5 fee to Mary Anne Block. The Classical recital is on the same day at 1:30pm.

Festival of Pianos – The festival will be held on Sept 23rd and 24th at Northbrook Court. The repertoire will be online by the end of the week. Maureen Flood will write to Carol Cook at the Music Room to see if she will keep the festival music in stock.

Finance / Vision – no report.

Group Ticket Sales – Genya Kantorovich will research the specifics of making a donation to Ravinia to see if it will be a benefit to our group. She noted that NWSMTA would need to make a donation (at least \$200) to obtain any group benefits on ticket purchases. Maureen Flood made a motion to donate \$200 to Ravinia if, pending Genya's findings, it is available to all of us including members, parents, and students. Marcia Mally seconded the motion. The motion passed. Diane Adamek suggested that we keep records of how many attend, so we will know whether it was worth the investment. Each teacher would need to keep track of their own student usage.

Historian / Hospitality – no report.

Independent Music Teachers – The program today will be given by Deb Lynch and Rachel Wojcicki. Deb will talk about how to use Skype in a piano studio and Rachel will discuss building a traveling studio.

Library – Suzanne Fler introduced two books written by David Cutler: [The Savvy Music Teacher](#) (applies to private piano teachers) and [The Savvy Musician](#).

Luncheon – no report.

Parliamentarian – no report.

Placement – no report.

Publicity – Contact Rachel Wojcicki if you have an advertising need for your committee.

Scholarship – no report for camp scholarships, but an article with information on the college scholarship is in the March newsletter.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival – no report.

Website / E-news – no report.

Whitman Wonders – no report.

Workshop – The workshop with Peter Mack was a success! 38 were in attendance at the workshop and over 20 were at the master recital. Brenda Buchanan initiated a discussion about finances, since the workshop is always over budget. Costs associated with the event were \$2000 for the clinician, \$400 for the church rental, and additional costs for coffee and copies. Rachel Wojcicki suggested having it on one day, instead of two days, or having it at a music store to keep down the costs. Brenda suggested raising the budget amount, as opposed to increasing workshop fees, and this will be discussed at the board meeting in June.

Yearbook – no report.

Old Business – The nominating committee recommends the following new slate of officers: Second Vice President & Membership Chairman – Alexis Ross, Recording Secretary – Judith Shaltry, and Treasurer – Nancy Dempsey. Nominations will be open for one month and then we will vote for the slate at the April meeting.

New Business – All committee chairs should be working on the annual report, budget requests, and job descriptions. Forms are on the website. The deadline is the May meeting for budget requests, but if your event is over, you can turn it in earlier. Suzanne Murray will look in her President files for job descriptions to be used as a reference.

Deb Lynch made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Marie Rutter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

