

## **March 21, 2016 – General Meeting Minutes**

Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 9:55 am. She asked if anyone had any changes to the February minutes. Marie Rutter motioned to accept the minutes as is and Marcia Mally seconded that motion. All were in favor.

**TREASURER** – Chyi-Ling Evans was not in attendance, but sent in the following report as of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016: Harris Bank ending balance \$18,169.96 and Edward Jones ending balance of \$19,102.19.

**1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT AND PROGRAM CHAIRS** – Maureen Flood announced that Barbara Kreader 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.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**AIM COORDINATOR** – Marie Rutter announced that the AIM exams for Levels 10-12 are on April 17. Suzanne Murray asked that level 12 students send program notes to her via email.

**AWARDS COMPETITION** – The registration deadline has passed. Olga Lunetta mentioned that she would like to have improvements made to the website, because teachers cannot go back to see what they entered and cannot make changes.

**CERTIFICATION** – Call Jennifer Cohen if you are interested in attending the annual certification coffee at her home in May.

**CLASSICAL / POP & JAZZ RECITALS** – Mary Anne Block reported that the recitals will be held on April 24 (Classical at 1:30 and Pop & Jazz at 3:30). There is online registration only with a deadline of April 15<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be mailed to Yoko Amano for the classical entries and checks should be sent to Mary Anne for pop and jazz entries. Pieces to be played in the Pop & Jazz recital should have a pop or jazz feel to them.

**FESTIVAL OF PIANOS** – Marcia Mally said the festival music has been revised to include the music of Funtasia, Billy Joel, Star Wars, and Cold Play. The music list can now be downloaded. The deadline for registration is June 30<sup>th</sup>, the rehearsal is on September 24<sup>th</sup>, and the performance is September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**FINANCE** – no report.

**GROUP TICKET SALES** – Genya Kantorovich is going to check into any special pricing at Ravinia for our teacher group.

**HISTORIAN/HOSPITALITY** –Two scrapbooks are now online. Janice Wilkans is selling Lyda Samuels music for half price, with the proceeds to be donated.

**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 three new publications: 1) a DVD on The Legacy of Rosina Lhevinne – Portrait of the Legendary Pianist, 2) Mastering the Art of Piano Performance: A Primer For Musicians by Stewart Gordon (for the more advanced student and for teachers to improve their own performing), and 3) The Music Teaching Artist’s Bible: Becoming a Virtuoso Educator by Eric Booth (heavy, not a light read).

**LUNCHEON** – Justyna Krafft-Weirich will be collecting payment at the next meeting for those who wish to attend the luncheon, so bring money or your checkbook. 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. It will be a nice treat at the end of the year.

**PARLIAMENTARIAN** – no report.

**PLACEMENT** - no report.

**PUBLICITY** – Rachel Wojcicki initiated a discussion about creating posters for the upcoming classical and pop recitals to increase awareness. It was decided not to post in the Daily Herald due to limited space at the recitals. Rachel would love to have a small logo for posters as opposed to a big header like on the website. It was decided that she could put three logos in the newsletter and ask for member opinions. The board would then consider the logos and make the final decision. Publicity for Festival of Pianos should be posted by September 1<sup>st</sup>. All committees should keep Rachel in mind for their publicity.

**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP** – Pat Borchardt reported that the deadline to apply is April 15<sup>th</sup>. No applications have been received so far. Please put “College Scholarship” in the subject line of your email or Pat will not open the email.

**CAMP Scholarship** - no report.

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

**WHITMAN WONDERS** – Helen Grosshans reported that there is one more month of lessons.

**WORKSHOP** – no report.

**YEARBOOK** – no report.

**OLD BUSINESS** – The nominating committee reported that Suzanne Murray will accept the nomination for President and Lily Zhang will accept the position of corresponding secretary. The positions will remain open for another month before we take a vote. The committee has not heard back from Vice-President nominee. The Vice-President’s duties include planning the programs for the year. There were no nominations from the floor. Thanks to the committee members of Marie Rutter, Suzanne Fleer, Suzanne Murray, Marcia Mally, and Fran Onley for their work.

Deb Lynch reported a correction to the newsletter. The ad for a music teacher is for Elmhurst Music Academy, not Elmhurst College.

Maureen Flood and Marcia Mally reported on the idea of a fundraiser that would utilize the antique piano of Dr. Kenneth Drake, who suggests a Friday night recital followed by a Saturday morning opportunity for students to perform on the piano. The church in Park Ridge is available, but it is not secure that we have both days. The San Filippo Estate in Barrington is not available. And the White House in Barrington is too expensive. Helen Grosshans commented that June would be better than May because of student schedules.

**New Business** – Maureen Flood reminded all committee chairpersons to prepare annual reports, budget requests, and job descriptions for the April meeting.

Helen Grosshans has AIM results and dictionaries.

Yoko Amano made 5 or 6 hats and a vase of flowers with pens for Robin Meredith-Kramer. Robyn’s husband will continue to send updates to Maureen Flood. Robyn is still at Lutheran General. She continues to be thankful to her friends and is very encouraged by notes and cards. Chemo has had a positive effect and pet scan showed no advancement of the cancer.

New member Victoria Tsangari is looking for students and a place to teach, possibly in the Des Plaines area. Maureen Flood mentioned that we have a placement service run by Joan Drolet. She also noted that the Tritone Music School in Arlington Heights hires local teachers.

Maureen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deb Lynch so moved, and Genya Kantorovich seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.