

MINUTES OF THE JOINT BOARD MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST
SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Monday, June 3, 2013

President Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m. She then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September joint board meeting. Marie Rutter moved to accept the minutes and Lisa Oehler seconded. Motion passed. She then welcomed new board members, Chieko Garling and Yukiko Fukimara and thanked outgoing board members Denise Dolins, Teri Paulson and Sue Ioriatti.

Teri Paulson reported that we spent more money than we took in, 61 in checking account, have a lot of money in investments. We gave 2,800 to Harper. We lost money on the Festival. Donations to Harper were \$600 and \$500 for scholarship.

Maureen Flood said she just sent over money for the luncheon. She didn't receive too many budget requests, so can we go through figures right now; she will send more money over for scholarships, college, \$1,000, and Harper is \$1,100 total and camp is \$875.

Brenda Buchanan reported the new numbers for the Workshop, for actual income 1,760.90 and actual expense was 2,123.66, difference was negative 362.

Helen Grosshans said that one reason why AIM is lopsided, the workbooks haven't been sold yet.

Maureen Flood asked if the other figure is okay.

Helen Grosshans said she doesn't know yet; it's essentially the same. She didn't think we need more iPods this year, or we may need a couple more, maybe three.

Teri Paulson said we anticipated we would make 3,200.

Maureen asked if AIM is a good figure anticipated, 6,300, or should we bump it up? Let's bump it up \$180 for anticipated expenses.

Galina Kostukovsky said that she had a little increase this year, maybe \$100

Maureen suggested we should bump it up to 3,500, anticipated income, and add 100 for anticipated expenses to cover judge's fees going up.

Deb Lynch suggested that we increase her expenses an extra \$300 and increase income by \$100; also to leave the corresponding secretary amount the same.

Maureen asked Marcia Mally about the Festival of Pianos. After a discussion among the board, it was agreed to add \$500 to anticipated expenses, total \$5,000 anticipated expense.

Maureen reported that Janice's numbers for hospitality will stay the same.

Suzanne Fler requested \$325 for Library for next year.

Maureen suggested that we keep same figures from last year for Luncheon.

Denise Dolins reported that on her budget request, it should be \$180.

Maureen reported that as far as the Newsletter, we said \$85 for constant contact. But we can make it \$100 in case the fee changes.

Maureen reported that the President's expenses are fees to use this library. The Harper donations are okay as they stand and she will send them out this summer. Lisa Oehler said that Programs will stay the same. This year expenses were lower.

Teri Paulson said she has the numbers for Recitals all filled in.

Maureen reported that as far as Sonata-Sonatina, Mary called this morning and sent her budget request and we'll have to get together and meet.

Helen Grosshans reported that Whitman School will probably be the same for next year. She has not met with Graham.

Maureen reported that Yearbook would stay the same. We usually make more money than that, but printing has gone up. We need to vote on approving this budget as it stands.

Teri Paulson said we need to meet first, it's too early.

Maureen suggested an absolute deadline of June 15th to get reports and figures in and we can look at it again in September.

Lisa and Mary Ann Block asked for ideas for speakers or programs.

Denise Dolins reported that we got up to 130 members this year and the thing she accomplished is that now we're in line with MTNA guidelines.

There was a discussion among the group about the awards competition and whether non-members can enter.

Helen Grosshans said she would suggest a review of the rules.

Maureen Flood said we will table the matter for now and look at it again in the fall.

Galina Kostukovsky said that in order to make it more popular, she is thinking she needs more ideas to make the competition more popular and get it more known.

Maureen asked about the Baroque festival.

Helen Grosshans said she doesn't think she can chair it, but as far as dates, the question is when to do it. Instead of April, put it in between the February and March AIM exams, last weekend of February, and some students might be ready with a baroque piece. Maybe have two different sessions, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Emily Moreland is coming from Indiana and she has a harpsichord; having it at a church would give organ experience. And we would repeat the same thing in the afternoon. We would charge a \$10 fee for students. She was thinking about her church which has room for it. She proposed the 22nd of February or 1st of March. She has to check with the harpsichordist.

Helen also said as far as AIM that we will keep the same exam format as last year. The big change will be 2nd option for Level 11 and 12 students the first Sunday in May, May 4th. We will do the AIM coffee workshop in Suzanne Fleeer's home. We have to wait to see what new members are doing.

Maureen said she got an email asking for AIM teacher in Prospect Heights. Also that we need a chairman for Independent Music Teachers. She is going to send out a notice, maybe one of our new members. She then informed that the proposed date of the September meeting is September 9th for the Board meeting and the first meeting will be 16th or the 23rd.

Suzanne Fleer asked for any suggestions for materials for us to have, let her know. She is going to categorize books according to subjects and put it on line.

Deb Lynch asked for someone to take over mailings for the corresponding secretary. There are eight newsletters.

Maureen Flood asked for volunteers.

Pat Borchardt reported that for the college scholarship, we'd had two applicants for last two years. She has had two teachers contact her about next year's and is hoping for a few more.

Maureen said we need to publicize it more. She will send out a blast in a few weeks, write something out and send it to her. She needs to talk to Cheryl about camp scholarships. Also that as far as Sonata-Sonatina Festival, there was an issue of the date.

Helen Grosshans said she checked with Mary and Michelle and they said date is fine.

Maureen Flood informed the group that she heard from the former IT director of MTNA who said she would be willing to do a new website for us. It's very difficult to get things on the website.

After a discussion among members, Cheiko Garling volunteered to help with the website.

Maureen wondered if we should hold off on the workshop because of the National conference in Chicago and the baroque festival. She also asked board members to update job descriptions, be detailed. She asked for New Business. She wants some way to push our group, get our name out there. Brenda had the

idea, one of her new students won a scholarship from school for a summer lessons package. Next year we could take money out of investments and offer a six-week package of summer lessons. It would benefit teachers, get new students.

Brenda Buchanan said they took applications from that school district and awarded \$200 for summer piano study.

Maureen also brought up notifying school music teachers of NWMTA; maybe all area teachers could do it as a group.

Deb Lynch suggested sending an email.

As to the MTNA conference, Maureen asked for any ideas of how to get involved.

Marcia Mally suggested we contact MTNA for guidance.

Marcia then showed posters honoring her 45 years of teaching.

Maureen asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Marie Rutter and seconded by Deb Lynch.