

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE NORTHWEST SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
HELD AT LA TASCA RESTAURANT ON MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

President Maureen Flood called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. She asked for a motion to approve the April minutes, or any additions or corrections. Carol Walgren-Georgas motioned to approve and Marcia Mally seconded. She then asked if anyone had a report to give.

Helen Grosshans reported that AIM recitals are still going on: June 9, at the Presbyterian Church in Northbrook, and June 10, 10:00 at Our Saviour's Lutheran church. She can send details and programs. They are free.

Sandy Liebowitz reported that the Festival of Pianos will be September 28 and 29 and the deadline is June 30, so get info to Diane Adamek. All information is on line. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive festival, and you have to renew your membership to enroll.

Mary Anne Block said that she and Lisa Oehler are responsible for programs. If anyone has ideas, send them to her.

Denise Dolins reported that on at the CSO, Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> Michelle McGovern is showing a movie she made as a memorial to Melody Lord. You have to register online and tickets are free. She'll forward the email to you if you're interested. For this year we have 130 members, a record number.

Galina Kostukovsky reported that she is the chair of the awards competition and she invites new members to help next year. They will get together at the end of June. We need 30 pieces to choose for next year.

Maureen Flood thanked Galina for running the awards competition.

Justyna Krafft-Weirich introduced Mitchell Green, our entertainment for the Luncheon. He described himself as a student at Northwestern, classical guitarist, played since he was 4; double major, economics and classical guitar, also studied at Julliard and the Aspen Music Festival.

Jennifer Cohen reported that she is the certification chair and she is hosting the annual coffee at her house tomorrow.

Maureen Flood welcomed new members who were with us; Sam Opp, who already signed up for a committee, and Yukiko Fukimara who is also jumping on board for public relations. She is passing around a signup board. We still have opportunities on committees; please to sign up. It's a good way to learn about events. She reminded everyone of the board meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. There are fliers on the table for Dr. Kenneth Drake's workshop in Rockford; also handouts about apps recommended at the National Convention and a few refrigerator magnets. The Piano Technicians Guild has a workshop for piano teachers, July 11, 1:00 to 5:30, \$25, two classes, learn about tuning, admission to exhibit hall, play variety of pianos, evening of keyboard music with Dr. Trevor Stevenson. You will also receive certification of attendance.

Maureen then went on to thank Sue Ioriatti, Teri Paulson, our Treasurer, who served for three years and Denise Dolins. She has raised our membership to 130 and gives a wonderful coffee to welcome new members. And the bonus is with Denise, you get Jerry who keeps us all organized. Every position she has, she goes above and beyond. Jerry was volunteered to a new committee, Festival of Pianos, and thanks to him.

She also acknowledged our outgoing Member of the Year, Robin Meredith-Kramer. We voted to make Verna Dean Roberts and Ruth Peterson our honorary members and she reported that she sent them both a letter and a certificate and they were so honored. So thanks for voting them in.

She also wanted to recognize three special members; Vivian Pintacura, Joan Drolet and Marilyn Crosland. She'd like to give them honorary member status, but we can't because they're still teaching. She asked they please come up. The 50-year members will be honored at the state convention in Chicago. (Applause)

Maureen also thanked Justyna for putting this luncheon together. When she signed up for luncheon chair, she didn't know everything would be happening in one weekend, but she did a great job setting this up. (Applause)

Brenda Buchanan has volunteered to be recording secretary. Maureen asked for a vote and it was unanimous. She asked that Suzanne Murray and Chieko Garling come up and be sworn in. The oath was administered by Marie Rutter to Suzanne Murray, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and membership chair, Chieko Garling, Treasurer and Brenda Buchanan, Recording Secretary. Maureen then asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion made by Helen Grosshans and seconded by Marcia Mally.