

General Meeting Minutes 10/17/16

Marie Rutter moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting and Maureen Flood seconded that motion. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Edward Jones - \$0, Harris Bank - \$11,982.42

Chyi-Ling was not in attendance but sent in the following report: "As Marie Rutter and her sister-in-law Beth instructed, I called Craig Schuessler of Edward Jones and asked him to sell the Lord Abbett Short Dur (mutual fund) and close the account on Thursday, 10/6/2016." She is expecting to receive the check in a week. A report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President – The program for today will be an overview of the Awards repertoire, presented by Svetlana Belsky.

Dr. Bruce Berr is presenting the January program on topics of our choice. Please send topic ideas to Brenda Buchanan.

2nd Vice-President – The membership is at 122 members. Two new members attended the coffee that was at her house.

Committee Reports:

AIM – Helen Grosshans sent in a report asking members to note the new deadline of December 15 for Levels 5 – 12.

There will be an AIM session at the IMSTA conference.

Mary Anne Block reported that the deadline has passed and 137 enrollments were received for Levels 1-2 (Performance and Theory) and 3 (Theory) at Harper College. The AIM reporting system is very nice and helpful. New pricing amounts are in effect this year.

Certification – no report.

Classical/Pop & Jazz Recitals – Chairpersons encouraged members to provide feedback about the new venue (Barrington Library). The classical recital had 16 students / 7 teachers. They would like to see more students enrolled in the spring. The pop and jazz recital had 22 students with some interesting ensembles this year.

Festival of Pianos – This is a sad time since we have lost 3 festival directors - Marilyn, Bev, and Robin.

Finance / Vision – Marie Rutter and Chyi-Ling Evans met with financial planner, but Fidelity needs two social security numbers. Marie is hoping that in addition to her own SSN that Suzanne Murray will also allow her SSN to be attached to the account. Jerry Dolins says they should accept a tax id number for NWSMTA instead of a SSN.

Group Ticket Sales – no report.

Historian / Hospitality – no report.

Independent Music Teachers – no report.

Library – The library sale will be next week. Materials that are currently checked out can be kept another month.

Luncheon – no report.

Parliamentarian – no report.

Placement – no report.

Publicity – no report.

Scholarship – An April deadline is in effect. Pieces should be memorized. Applicant must make a YouTube video of his / her performance pieces.

Suzanne Murray received a letter from Southern Illinois University letting NWSMTA know that they have generous piano scholarships.

Sonata-Sonatina Festival – Festival deadline has passed and 50 teachers / 400 students are enrolled.

Website / E-news – no report.

Whitman Wonders: Helen is still in need of four donated keyboards of any size.

Workshop – Peter Mack is the workshop clinician and will be holding a master class. Please let Brenda know if you have an advanced student interested in this opportunity. She would like the brochure to be done in time for the state conference. Maureen Flood offered to take the brochures to the conference and advertise the workshop.

Yearbook – no report.

Old Business – Music donated by the families of Faythe Kalkwarf and Robin Meredith Kramer is available in back. Please donate to the appropriate fund if you take any items.

New Business – The ISMTA Convention is Nov. 4 – 6 in Bloomington. (Maureen says all the double rooms are already booked). Registration is free for first time attendees.

Donations were given in memory of Bev Modlin and Marilyn Crosland.

Maureen Flood motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marie Rutter seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.