

## **NWSMTA Board Meeting Minutes 09/12/16 at 9:45am.**

No additions or corrections were needed to the June Board Meeting minutes, so Marie Rutter motioned to approve them and Maureen Flood seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer:** Chyi-Ling Evans reported the bank balances. Harris Bank Balance - \$18,828.56 and Edward Jones Balances – Cash: \$12,504.15, Mutual Funds: \$6,838.43, Total: \$19,342.58.

A 1099 (with Social Security Number) is required for judges making over \$600.

The budget was reviewed and amended as follows – to increase the Whitman Wonder budget by \$325 for trophies. Publicity budget was increased by \$100 for posters and Facebook advertising costs. Laurie Sorman moved to approve the budget changes. Marcia Mally seconded the motion and all approved.

New standard procedure for depositing and requesting checks will be sent to all board members, distributed in the newsletter, and put on the website for current and future chairpersons to reference.

**1<sup>st</sup> VP & Program Chair:** Maureen Flood is chairing the Independent Music Teacher program. Deb Lynch and Rachel Wojcicki will present a program entitled The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Piano Teacher. Topics will include teaching lessons via Skype, tips for traveling teachers, and using the latest Apps.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VP Membership:** Sue Ioriatta is hosting the Christmas party.

**Corresponding Secretary:** No report.

**AIM:** No major changes. Level 10 – 12 will be headed up by Marie Rutter and Suzanne Fleer. The AIM coffee will be at the home of Mary Anne Block on September 30<sup>th</sup>. AIM tips and online registration will be discussed and all are welcome.

**Awards:** Repertoire was selected over the summer and is posted on the website.

**Camp Scholarship:** A thank you letter from a recipient was received.

**Certification:** A coffee is scheduled at the home of Jennifer Cohen.

**College Scholarship:** The chairperson will be looking for a judge.

**Festival of Pianos:** The festival has 391 participants (students and teachers). Steinway will have a raffle this year. The event will run from 11:00 am - 4:30 pm with a 15-minute intermission from 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm. Strong men are needed for Friday night set up.

**Finance and Vision:** Marie Rutter met with a financial planner (her sister-in-law) in August. She recommended keeping \$10,000 in the checking account and dividing the balance of the money in the following way - investing 2/3 in a fidelity strategic income fund and 1/3 in a fidelity balanced fund. At the end of each year, any extra funds would also be invested and there is no cost to invest through the fidelity accounts. Deb Lynch motioned to accept the recommendation and Maureen Flood seconded the motion. Beth (Marie's sister-in-law) is available in October to handle the transition. At that time, the Edward Jones account would be closed.

**Group Ticket Sales:** No report.

**Historian and Hospitality:** It was suggested that all scrapbook items should be online.

**Independent Music Teachers:** An informal chat will be held preceding the monthly meetings.

**Library:** Suzanne Fler will be holding a sale in October. Send Suzanne any requests for specific materials to be added to the library.

**Luncheon:** It will be held at Demetri's in Deerfield on May 15<sup>th</sup> and information is on the website.

**Parliamentarian:** No report.

**Publicity:** Rachel Wojcicki will send the letterhead to all committee chairs and board members for future correspondence. PDF's of advertising posters will be on the website.

**Recitals:** There was a discussion about whether to allow arrangements and it was decided that pieces are at the discretion of the chairperson. Recital committee needs to have a meeting and discuss whether guidelines should be revised.

**Sonata-Sonatina Festival:** The Gold Medal recital will be held on the same day as an AIM exam.

**Website:** Send website problems to Maureen Flood. Newsletter items are due to Deb Lunch by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Whitman Wonders:** Helen Grosshans reported that they could use a donated keyboard. It was suggested to put a notice in the newsletter. The budget was increased by \$325 to allow for trophies to be purchased for students who complete their 2<sup>nd</sup> year.

**Workshop:** Peter Mack is our workshop clinician. The dates will be in the yearbook. We really need to advertise this event.

**Yearbook:** The yearbook will be printed this week.

**Old Business:** Suzanne Murray will write a letter to be sent with the fundraising check for Robyn Meredith-Kramer's family. FYI - Go Fund Me donations are not tax deductible.

Congrats to Suzanna Fler, our member of the year. She was asked to send a picture and a bio to Deb Lynch for the newsletter.

**New Business:** Faythe Kalkwarf, a previous member passed away recently. Her family is going to donate her music to NWSMTA. It was decided to have the music available at meetings, for which members will make donations for music that they take. The money collected will be a memorial for Faythe. After some discussion, Marcia Mally moved to also donate \$25 in Faythe's name and Maureen Flood seconded the motion. Most were in favor; two opposed as they thought the amount was not high enough for an organization of our size.

Vonnie Mrozinski will be the Harper College contact for committee members, since the staff at Harper has asked for one representative. A report on the condition of pianos at Harper was distributed. Room 108 and 210 need to be opened by Harper staff for all events.

Suzanne Fler motioned to adjourn the meeting and Marcia Mally seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned.