

## **September 21, 2015 - General Meeting**

President Robin Meredith-Kramer called the meeting to order at 9:45. Approximately 40 members were in attendance.

Robin motioned to accept the budget. Mary Anne Block wanted to discuss, based on the deficit of this year's budget. Specifically she asked about the \$2500 estimate to put AIM registration online. It was explained that this is an estimate based on what other music organizations have paid, however Terry Lynch is looking into it doing it at no charge. He is waiting to hear from AIM. Robin referred to her budget as President of \$2500 to be used toward national and state convention costs. She indicated that it was most likely more than she would actually spend.

Other budget discussions – should our scholarship have a cap? Or should there be one recipient, making it more competitive? Or should we lower the amount from \$1000 to \$500 (college) and from \$500 to \$250 (camp)? To be discussed at a later date.....

Finance committee in process of looking into more profitable investments. Marie's sister-in-law has agreed to help at no cost to the organization. Chyi-Ling Evans will look into the history of the budget over the years.

Possible fundraiser idea is a restaurant night. Rick Lowe and Brenda Buchanan will look into making the Teacher's Musicale a fundraiser.

Maureen Flood asked what other groups pay for programs – do we overpay? Marcia Mally motioned to accept the budget as is, and Marie Rutter seconded the motion. Mary Anne noted that she is opposed the budget as is.

Deb Lynch motioned to accept the September Board Meeting minutes and Jennifer Cohen seconded it.

**Treasurer's report:** Investments and checking account total approximately \$34,000.

**1st Vice President & Program Chairs:** Maureen Flood gave an overview of the programs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President & Program Chairs:** Sue Ioriatti reported that we have 128 members with 9 new members. New members and visitors were welcomed. A new member coffee is scheduled for Oct. 12 and 9:45 at her home in Arlington Heights. All are invited. Please RSVP via email.

**AIM** – Helen Grosshans brought sample workbooks to view. They can be purchased through central office. Do not make copies. AIM informational meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Corner Bakery in Arlington Heights.

Mary Anne Block reported that Oct. 6 is the registration deadline for the Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> AIM exams. Fee = \$20 for Levels 1 and 2, \$25 for Levels 3 and up.

**Awards** – Olga Ulitsky reported that the presenter, Dr. Susan Osborn, has requested some electronic equipment. Maureen Flood will check with RM Library to see if that is available. If not, she may pursue

switching that meeting to the Barrington Library. Suzanne Fler noted that changing the venue could be detrimental to attendance. Award repertoire is online.

**Certification** – Jennifer Cohen will be at the new member coffee, if anyone has certification questions. Certification coffee will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016. She gave a brief overview of the certification process, which is online. Congratulations to Miho Nakagawa on her recent certification.

**Classical Pop-Jazz Recitals** – Sunday Oct 25<sup>th</sup> at RM library – registration deadline Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Festival** – September 26 and 27 from 11-5:30 at North Brook court.

**Finance** – Rick Lowe is stepping down and looking for a replacement chair.

**Group ticket sales** – Genya Kantorovich reported that discount tickets can be purchased by calling the CSO box office and using the code CAMTA. Tickets are \$20 for piano recitals, excluding performances by Evgeny Kissin. Brenda Buchanan asked that this information be put on the website and Maureen Flood agreed to do that.

**Historian / Hospitality** – no report.

**Independent Music Teacher** – needs chairperson.

**Library** – Suzanne Fler highlighted new materials and procedure for returning materials.

**Luncheon** – no report.

**Parliamentarian** – no report.

**Publicity** – need chairperson.

**Scholarship** – to be addressed at a later time.

**Sonata-Sonatina Festival** – Elena Goptseva reported that the event will be held on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at Harper College and Gold Medal Recital to be held on Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Barrington Library.

**Website** – Please let Deb Lynch or Maureen Flood know if you need help with website issues. On every page there is a link to report problems / issues.

**Whitman** – no report.

**Workshop** – no report.

**Yearbook** – Many thanks to Maureen Flood, Jerry Dolins, Deb Lynch, and Terry Lynch.

**Old Business** – Reminder that we have an Office Depot discount card as MTNA members.

**New Business** – thank you to Robin for her work as President!

Motion to adjourn was made by Robin Meredith-Kramer. Marilyn Crosland seconded the motion.