

## **September 14, 2020 NWSMTA Board Meeting Minutes**

The board meeting was called to order at 9:50 a.m. Maureen Flood read the minutes. Suzanne Fler moved to accept as read, and Vonnie seconded. Minutes were approved.

Midori has no report at present, but we will discuss the budget later.

Jennifer Cohen recommends striking the workshop and Festival of Pianos, put 0's in columns.

Maureen Flood says to add \$150 to the yearbook, since several advertisers came through.

Luncheon -- Justyna Weirich only gets \$100 to spend on the luncheon, members pay for their own lunches. Should be Income \$900, expense \$100, total -\$100

Beethoven Festival wrote \$3000 income

Deb Lynch recommends approving the changes we've discussed, since Midori recently had eye surgery and cannot see. Deb moves to approve the budget as discussed, Marie Rutter seconded, board vote is unanimous.

First Vice-President and Program Chair - Rachel Wojcicki reports that the September through November meetings will be on Zoom. January's meeting will also be on Zoom, as the presenter is from Colorado.

Second Vice-President and Membership Chair -- Annie Artinian is not present. Jerry Dolins states that we have 103 members.

Helen Grosshans reports that AIM will take place online this year. She will send more details. Her report did not make the newsletter, but Deb Lynch will send out a memo to the membership. Helen reports:

- The 4 AIM Exams are scheduled on similar dates as last year: November 15, January 31, March 14 and April 18.
- All exams will be online.
- All repertoire (Levels 1-12) will be recorded in advance of the exam and submitted no later than 8 days before the performance exam.
- Level 12 recitals, which must be completed by July 31, will be an option depending on the recommendations regarding the pandemic.
- Co-chair positions are OPEN for the Theory Exams, Levels 5-12, on January 26. No Co-Chairs = no exam. Substantial help from Committee members is available.

Mary Anne Block States that Helen Chang has agreed to do all the grading, if someone would help her.

Beethoven Festival -- Chairpersons not present, no report.

Certification - Jennifer Cohen has no report

Recitals -- Pop & Jazz info will be in the yearbook, but Deb still needs deadlines and dates.

Brenda asks for a chairperson for the Pop & Jazz Recital. It was suggested that a personal invitation is more likely to procure a chairperson than asking for one from the group.

Festival of Pianos was canceled.

Finance/Vision -- no report

Ticket Sales -- no report

Historian/ Hospitality -- no report

Independent Music Teachers -- Maureen Flood reports that Rachel Wojcicki will present "Yoga for Musicians."

Jazz Combo Experience: Rachel cannot make any promises or guesses on the event, but she hopes that next summer it may be possible. There are different number limits depending on the Tier we are in. If possible, she will plan on Father's Day. Dirty Nellie's has changed its name to Nellie's Gastropub and ConcertHub. Deb suggests a "Coming Out Party" for NWSMTA for this event, that we can advertise later, as likelihood becomes certain.

Library -- no report

Luncheon -- Justyna suggests maybe a picnic in the park?

Music Blocks -- Mary Anne Block reports that it is still going on, not in school but online. Keyboards have been donated. They will even be putting new beginners online.

Parliamentarian -- no report

Publicity -- no report

Scholarship -- Pat Borchardt does not have a report yet, but will put reminders in the newsletter and on the website.

The website will be updated, for those members who do not open emails and memos. Helen Grosshans suggests a "Check It Out" corner for members to suggest really excellent webinars coming up.

Rachel asks a question of the board. Since only a certain number of members can attend the meetings, can she share the Zoom link with someone who wants to see the programs?

Brenda will look into it. Deb Lynch suggests that the presenters could be asked if they agree to put the presentation on our website for members who can't make it to the programs, and it could be password protected.

Rachel will ask presenters to be ready at 10:45 a.m., after the business meetings.

Helen Grosshans says that our meetings can be shorter, more streamlined. Brenda can admit the speaker at 10:45.

Discussion about the Teachers' Musicale -- Members suggest a coffee house or music store, but it is likely to be virtual. This typically takes place in April. Members wonder if it was ever at Harper, and it was stated that it is difficult to schedule at Harper. It is suggested to have a "Watch Party."

Yearbook --- Helen Grosshans will call with AIM changes.

**OLD BUSINESS** -- There were only 24 votes to the constitution /bylaws changes. Jerry sent email out. We have 103 members, and we need 53 to pass. It is suggested that they be sent directly to the non-voters.

Four members requested dues assistance, and it was given.

**NEW MEMBERS** -- The ISMTA Conference will be virtual, as will the MTNA 2021 Conference and the National Conference on Keyboard Pedagogy.

Our first meeting of the year will be next Monday, September 21.

Rachel Wojcicki moves to adjourn the meeting, Deb Lynch seconds. Meeting was adjourned.