

CNYAMT Board Meeting - NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse Minutes for Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 9:30am

Present: Bernadette Kessler, James Krehbiel, Patricia Box, Mary Ellen DiPietra, Lana Stafford, Barb Irwin, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman

Bernadette Kessler, president, called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

In the absence of recording secretary, Dana DiGennaro, Patricia Box presented the meeting minutes from the September 13, 2017 board meeting. Jim Krehbiel made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Barb Irwin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all.

Treasurer Report

Mary Ellen DiPietra presented the treasurer's report for September and October.

Balances

Checking Account - \$6,422.78

Scholarship Account - \$2,338.37 (deposit scores \$70, vase Halloween \$312)

Lincoln Annuity - \$17,311.04

Edward Jones account - \$14,193.31

Mary Ellen mentioned that some organizations using the NSEA facility give a donation to NSEA at this time of year. The donations are used to make Christmas baskets to distribute to the needy. Jim made a motion that CNYAMT give a \$100 donation to NSEA. Gayle seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mary Ellen presented the revised 17/18 CNYAMT budget. Phil Eisenman moved to accept the budget, Barb Irwin seconded. All present approved the 2017-2018 budget.

Membership

Active members - 64

Active spouses - 8

Auxiliary members - 10

Honorary members - 16

New Members - 3

Piano teacher Jane Wolfe of North Syracuse, NY.

Piano teacher Cathy Scheuler of Liverpool, NY.

Piano and Composition teacher Haelee Choi of Manlius, NY

Total Members - 101

5 past members have not renewed. Tina O., John F., Andy Russo, Paul Brown, Paula Douglas

Year at a Glance

Added Feb 3, 2018 - Instrument Discovery Zone

Suzuki Play-In date changed to March 24, 2018

Piano Masterclasses - Jacob Ertl, January 27; Dimitri Novgorodsky. February 17

Phil mentioned a free Masterclass by Elena Nezhdanova, piano, to be held Saturday Nov. 11 at 1:00 p.m. sponsored by CMM.

Barb suggested inserting deadline dates on the Year at a Glance for members to have joined in order to participate in competitions. Discussion was held and it was decided that the competition committee would have to vote on the deadline being for all competitions. At present it is just for the piano competition. Further discussion needed at the next meeting.

Website

The website is up to date with pics/dates/forms.

Tri-fold:

Pat developed the tri-fold and Bernadette helped with proofing. Pat purchased 100 for \$60.79 with a coupon from Staples. Everyone thought the tri-fold looked nice.

Competitions

All forms are online now. Bernadette asked if Gayle or Neva had pursued any further sponsors for the monetary awards. They have not.

Instrumental has a \$500 award from Tom Hosmer.

Piano Competition had a discussion on ties via email. JoBeth agreed to cover ties, but did express that she did not foresee them to be the norm. A vote by email with the competition committee voted to allow ties and Artist Piano would cover the deficit.

Bernadette presented a question on eligibility for piano competition by new member Dan Horan, who was a member in the past. He is requesting to be allowed to do the competition, even though he joined past October 1st. Discussion was held and some feel it may set a precedent to allow this. Many felt it is a show of goodwill to allow it under certain circumstances. A motion to instate Dan with full benefits was made by Phil and seconded by Gayle. All in attendance approved. Phil will write up a draft policy regarding membership deadline and privileges to present at the next board meeting.

Events/Workshops

- Off the Bench: Sept 22, 10:00 am. Pat Box chaired this workshop and had 6 signed up, 3 attended, one (Cathy Schueler) who became a new member. The others asked for emailed handouts.
- Community Outreach: Friday, Sept. 22, 6:30, Park Terrace. Teresa Mirakian, chairperson. 2 participating teachers with 10 students presented an hour performance. Spring community outreach will be chaired by new member Mary Whittington.
- Instrument Discovery Zone: Oct. 21, 9:30 am. Bernadette reported 8 teachers helped with the instruments and children. Suggestions for next year: 9:30 teacher set-up. Music & Arts will provide instruments as needed. CNYAMT will do another IDZ at the Feb. 3rd Symphoria concert. Roaming teachers would be very helpful in the future.
- Halloween Recital, Oct. 22, 2 pm, Liverpool Library. Barb Irwin reported 6 Participating teachers with 30 students. She regretted not getting the date she wanted. Vase \$312
- Barnes & Noble: Dec. 1, 2, 3: Pat Box reported 19 teachers are signed up. Vouchers, schedule, form letter to parents that teachers may use, and other information is on the website. Emails with this information will be mailed to participating teachers next week. There is still a need for greeting table help.

Recitals

- 100 year celebration of William Gillock: Jim Vatter, chairperson. Date TBA, to be held at Piano & Organ Center. Solo and duets of Gillock with a party afterwards.

Masterclasses Jim Vatter is chairing and submitted this information by email.

- Piano: Dimitri Novgorodsky, Saturday, 2/17, 11:00-1:00.
- Piano: Jacob Ertl, projected date Saturday, 1/27.
- 3 students will be chosen. Students will be chosen by lottery.
- The fee will be \$45 to be paid upon notification. Late intermediate thru advanced.
- Students will receive 20 to 25 minutes which will include playing time. For example, if your piece is 5 minutes long, you will have 15 to 20 minutes with the guest teacher. Jim will have a form ASAP.
- This event is only for CNYAMT members.

Festivals

- Baroque & Sonatina: Jim Vatter, 3/23-24

Piano Committee

Phil suggested if CNYAMT wants to have an event at Park Central and Grace Episcopal to use the CMM information and procedures for use on opening/closing. Phil has this information on the piano agreement and building use forms and will send it to Bernadette or those chairing an event. There are 5 keys.

Sponsorship

Barb has collected from 12 sponsors. River View Music Studio is the new name for Baldwinsville School of Music. Only one who has not renewed is OCC.

Self Check-Up: Competition Award Underwriters

Objectives/Benefits

- Less out of pocket expense
- Underwriter's advertisement
- goodwill between CNYAMT and the underwriters.
- Enables reaching more students

Cost

- No cost to us

New/Additional

- Hickeys - \$100 in gift certificates
- Hosmer - \$500 for the instrumental competition.
- Artist Pianos - \$500 for the piano competition. (competition named Artist)
- \$200 from Neva Pilgrim for the Amanda Carnie prize.
- New venues are saving money, as there are no fees.
- Good lighting at new venue.

Awareness

- Possibly list these contributors on the website pages as underwriters.

Discussion was held over having the underwriters present the awards: Jim K. felt that it is best to have the chairmen do this.

Level of Success

- Good so far.

NOTE: Be sure to let the President and Sponsor Chair know if you are approaching an existing sponsor for a request to underwrite an event

Grants

Syracuse Rotary Club: Pat Box reported no news on receiving this. She emailed James Morrow on Sept. 27 to inquire about the grant award. He said they have not met yet to decide, but will let me know as soon as they do.

Publicity

Ad for the CNS musical \$60 to be placed in the fall & spring musical program.

OTHER BUSINESS

NYSMTA Conference 2018 proposal

Gary Fisher from Nazareth wrote asking if CNYAMT would collaborate with the NYSMTA conference in October 2018. Competitions are on Friday. Conference Saturday. Looking to hold this at Syracuse University or at least in Syracuse. He is contacting Amy & Steve H. about this. Syracuse is centrally located, & CNYAMT is an active organization. Input in planning would be shared, and include particular interest of both organizations.

Discussion: October events require summer work and planning. If we could get more specifics on what he wants us to do. What music areas besides piano would be

covered? Vocal? Instrumental?

Would there be a sub-committee? Proposals can be presented by March or May

We want more clarification on our role. Jim K. suggested Dana D. and Peter Rovit may be helpful. Phil suggested Mark & Laura Bossert as a possible source of help.

Future Board Members

Discussion over several people that members have talked to, but none were interested at this point.

Voss sign/vase

Pat needs signs for Barnes & Noble.

Adjournment at: 11:18

Minutes respectfully submitted by Patricia Box (who took the minutes) and Dana DiGennaro (who edited the minutes).

The next board meeting is Wednesday, January 10, 9:30 NSEA