

## **CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Wednesday, November 13, 2013**

Present: Dana DiGennaro, Sue Edwards, Phil Eisenman, Joyce Ucci, Amy Heyman, Jim Krehbiel, Gayle Ross, Barbara Irwin, Bernadette Hobin, Patricia Box, Marlene Mercurio, Patricia DeAngelis, Linda Yonteff,

Meeting called to order at 9:38 a.m.

Sue Edwards welcomed all members and asked that everyone please note the January meeting reminder.

The agenda was distributed, reviewed and approved by all, with no additions.

The minutes from the October 16, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed. Joyce Ucci made a motion to approve the minutes without correction. Phil Eisenman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by all in attendance.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

- **Treasurer**
  - Linda Yonteff met with Sue Edwards and Dana DiGennaro to review last year's finances and prepare a budget for 2013-14. The new budget has been updated and presented to the board. There will be more discussion and review at the January meeting. We should also be able to vote on the finished budget then.
  - We currently have \$18,473.88 in our checking account. The Lincoln Annuity balance is \$15,464.09. Phil Eisenman made a motion to roll the interest income from the annuity into the scholarship competition fund. Sue seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. The interest income was about \$600 last year, which is similar to years past. It was noted that the interest income was initially designated for the scholarship competition fund. Sue called the question and everyone was in favor.
- **Scholarship**
  - There was a discussion about where the profits from the Barnes and Noble event go in our budget. Sue checked the 9/17/2013 minutes, where it was decided that the profit goes to the general operating fund.
  - There is a scholarship committee meeting planned for 11/22/13 to finalize events and plans for the rest of the year.
  - The committee would like to raise the merit and camp scholarship amounts.
  - The scholarship application forms need to be updated.
- **Membership – no report.**
- **Events/Workshops**
  - **Petting Zoo**
    - Bernadette Kessler reported that it was very successful and that Symphoria has asked us to do it on a yearly basis, each fall.
    - A donor has given money for children to get in free for upcoming Symphoria children's concerts.
    - Symphoria would like to use our Petting Zoo photos for their upcoming events and publicity. There was discussion about the fact that we need to be careful about how we distribute

them. It was decided that when we are asked about specific photos we will ask the parent for permission, when possible. Phil suggested that we check into Symphoria's legal information to clarify this further.

- Technology in the studio. Pat Box will hold a workshop in her home on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 10 am.
- Suzuki Play In will take place on February 1<sup>st</sup>. It will include violin and possibly cello.
- Suggestions for events from Jim Vatter via Barb Irwin.
  - He would like to reinstate a monthly informal recital at Artist Piano.
  - He would like to reinstate a monthly round table discussion for teachers.
  - He suggested a piano workshop with Christopher Harding.
- Competitions
  - Joyce will contact the recording engineer to set up dates for this year's winner's recitals.
  - Instrumental Competition
    - Heidi Hoffman, cello and Rick Faria, clarinet have been secured as the judges.
  - Piano Competition
    - Ya Wei Tseng will be meeting with Joyce Ucci to find out about assisting with the piano competition. The meeting will take place on December 16, 2013.
- Sponsorship
  - Sue Edwards received an email from JoBeth Dellinger (Artist Piano) asking for a list of all CNYAMT members and their contact info. Sue made a membership spreadsheet to send to her and to other sponsors who ask. Sue will also send a spreadsheet to Frank DeFonda (Steinway Piano) who had previously asked.
  - No renewal from LeMoyne or Bob Lee, they have been removed from the website.
  - Barb made a motion to change the sponsorships to just \$100 levels. Linda seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Sue called the question, all present were in favor. This will begin for the 2014/2015 renewal process.
- Publicity
  - The publicity trifold was redone by Beth Sotherden. The old and new version were put side by side at the Symphoria Petting Zoo and the new one was picked up much more than old version. It was suggested that it be in color, a larger size, on glossy paper and/or to lighten it up. This is a learning experience, so we can make decisions for next year.
  - Amy Heyman will take the publicity package for the November recital.
- Corresponding Secretary
  - Dana reported that Constant Contact is working out well. There was a discussion on how people look at the email and the percentage of members opening each mailing.
  - Dana sent a thank you note to Geraldine Izzo for her donation.
- Sunshine- no report
- Website – Sue is still investigating a fill-able PDF for forms for our website.
- Recitals
  - Joyce contacted the Everson about upcoming recitals. November's recital was never entered on the calendar, but the date is still available, so the recital will take place.
  - November 16<sup>th</sup> recital will include 5 teachers and 8 students. Amy

- Heyman is the chairperson and could take one or two more students.
- The animal themed recital is January 11, 2014. Deadline is December 26<sup>th</sup>. Jim Vatter is the chair, and it will take place at Artist Piano.
- The Barnes and Noble fundraiser is almost full with only two hours left for studios. Sue asked for volunteers to help out and emcee during the day. Sue will resend vouchers and information.
- Music at the mall will be March 22, 2014.
- Telephone - Barb Irwin sent a mailing to Geraldine Izzo and Mike McClelland with the year's schedule and current information.
- Nominating Committee
  - The committee met on November 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss what to do about a new president for next year.
  - Vice Presidents Joyce Ucci, Pat Box and Barb Irwin will now take on the job of reminding people in the committees under them.
  - The committee looked for ways to support Sue and to make the president's job more manageable for someone in the future.
  - Bernadette Kessler was asked to take on a VP job next year to replace Joyce Ucci. She agreed.
  - The list of Board of Directors needs to be checked and all board members at the end of their terms need to be asked if they will continue.
- Historian
  - Marlene Mercurio reported that this will be her last year as she will be moving. We will need to look for a historian, and it is not a big job. Linda Yonteff has agreed to be the Historian next year.
- Everson Piano Committee
  - Phil Eisenman reported that WCNY has approached CMM about possibly moving to their space for recitals. It is just an initial thought but CNYAMT needs to be a part of the discussion process. The new contacts for the Everson are Holly Falso [hfalso@everson.org](mailto:hfalso@everson.org) who handles scheduling and Sarah Massett [smassett@everson.org](mailto:smassett@everson.org) who manages press.

Other Business –

- High School Musicals - \$50 maximum per advertisement
  - Pat Box - Liverpool, Barb Irwin - CNS, Dana DiGennaro – Westhill, Jamesville DeWitt, and Baldwinsville, Linda Yonteff - Chittenango, Sue Edwards – FM, Gayle Ross – ESM, Amy Heyman – City Schools and CBA
  - Dana will reconfigure the ads if needed.
- Investment discussion – no report

Meeting adjourned 11:28 a.m.

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday, 1/15/14 at PHP Church in Dewitt at 9:30am

**Please mark your Calendar for all of these:**

Wednesday, 2/5/14 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Dewitt at 9:30am

Wednesday, 4/9/14 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Dewitt at 9:30am

Wednesday, 6/4/13 Annual Meeting & Scholarship Winners recital & Luncheon at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Dewitt at 11:30am

Wednesday, 6/11/13 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church in Dewitt at 9:30am