

CNYAMT Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 10:30am

Welcome from Kim Farrell, President

Present: Kim, Joanne, Michelle Bernadette, Mary Ellen, Phil, Gayle, Lynn, Barb, Mary. Welcome to Lynn, our new board member!

Treasurer Report: Mary Ellen DiPietra: attached. In addition, one member, Jane Wolfe paid twice inadvertently, and her second payment will be recognized as paid in full for her membership next year.

Update on Meeting with Rob Richardson, Edward Jones: Mary Ellen will check with Rob Richardson regarding our responses to the investment risk tolerance survey. If you attended the meeting with Rob, please be sure that you have sent your survey response in to him .

Membership, Collegiate Membership: Phil -the member directory online is up to date. There are 61 members. Each year, by October 1st, members should have renewed membership by submitting their dues payments. Phil wrote up a document regarding dues payments and teacher eligibility for participating in CNYAMT events. Board members' comments, suggestions and replies should go to Phil via email.

Calendar, website, social media & publicity: Joanne. Chairs of events have access online to all applications coming in. Chairs should continually check to make sure everything is accurate, and working smoothly.

Newsletter: Joanne – Articles are due to Joanne by Tues. Feb. 18th. Joanne will send newsletter out to everyone by Friday, Feb. 21st.

Events/Workshops/Masterclass

Holiday Recital -12/07/24 9:30 am- 7:45 pm. Bernadette. We received a check from Barnes & Noble: \$669, plus we received money in further donations, all totaling \$889.66. There were 17 teachers and 148 students involved.

Bernadette spoke with the Barnes and Noble rep about possibly extending the event to a second day (Sunday) next year. She also said that if this happens, perhaps Barnes and Noble might extend the fundraising effort to include our ability to fundraise on the second day. Kim noted that board members should do all the introductions for performing groups at the event.

Piano Masterclass – held on Feb 8th at Artist Pianos with Steven Heyman , Clinician. 6 teachers, 6 students ages 8 yrs old through HS age participated. It was very successful.

Community Outreach: Kim -Valentine's Recital held on 02/09/25 at Brookdale Manlius, was a huge success. 10 teachers and 32 students! Kim brought our CNYAMT piano since Brookdale's was badly out of tune and not in good shape. \$185 was collected in the Vase! Next outreach recital – Mother's Day on Saturday, 05/10/25 at The Nottingham. It is necessary to scout out the venues for these events ahead of time, to see what each venue is like, check with the venue rep to make sure we're on their schedule, and make sure if there is an adequate piano that will be in tune.

Teacher Forum: Mary Whittington: The forum will take place on Monday, February 24th at noon. Dana Di Gennaro and Scott Cuellar will speak regarding their experiences managing a studio and performing as well. The event, on

Zoom will be open to nonmember college students as well as CNYAMT members.

Festivals

Baroque, Classical, Sonatina Festival: Lynn Moroz – 03/01/25 at Artist Pianos with a deadline set for 02/08/25. The judge for the Festival is Scott Cuellar. (One teacher has not paid her membership dues for this year, but 3 of her students, have registered and paid to participate. Lynn will contact the teacher and explain that the students will not be allowed to play without the teacher's membership paid in full for the year.)

Competitions:

Artist Piano: Amy Heyman/Ya-Wei Tseng/Bernadette/Kim Farrell 03/15/25 at Park Central. Judges have been secured: Bonnie Choi and Jacob Ertl from Nazareth College. Deadline for applications is 02/15/25, Recital on 03/16/25

Instrumental: Dana Di Gennaro/James Krehbiel – 05/03/25 with deadline on 04/18/25 and Recital on 05/04/25 all at Park Central. Judges: Blaire Koerner from SU, still looking for string person

Vocal: Gayle Ross/Laura Enslin/Kathy Montcrieff – 05/31/25 with deadline 05/01/25 and recital on 06/01/25 at 3:00pm All at OCC. Kathleen Haddock will judge. One more judge is needed.

Scholarships & Assistance

Merit Scholarship: Barb Irwin \$1,000

Student Lesson Tuition Assistance: Bernadette

Summer Music Camp: Bernadette

Grants: Bernadette continues to work hard on grants. We currently sponsor a student of Jim Krehbiel and a student of Amy Heyman with help from the SSMA grant, as well as two younger students, through the Jim and Julie Boeheim grant. Bernadette reports that 6 or 7 more applications have been made, including one that seems very promising.

Sponsorship: Barb- This is a work in progress.

Student Piano Workshop: Mary Whittington March 19th at Artist Pianos with master piano technician Scott Schroeter

Vase & Signs: Kim

Michelle moved to adjourn, Phil seconded. Meeting was adjourned at noon.

Next Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 9th on zoom at 10:30am