

CNYAMT Board Meeting - Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church

Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 15, 2015 9:30 a.m.

Present: Patricia Box, Linda Yonteff, Jim Vatter, Pat DeAngelis, Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin, Phil Eisenman, Amy Heyman, Jim Krehbiel, Dana DiGennaro and Gayle Ross

The meeting was called to order by Patricia Box, president, at 9:36 a.m.

Minutes from the February 11, 2015 board meeting were presented by Dana DiGennaro. Phil Eisenman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Krehbiel seconded the motion. All were in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Committee Chair Reports:

Reminder: The annual committee reports and job descriptions are due by the May 13 board meeting

- Treasurer
 - The checking account has a balance of \$3,822.95, and the scholarship account is at \$6,247.21. The Edwards Jones fund has a balance of \$13,457.41 and Lincoln Financial has a balance of \$17,311.04.
- Scholarship
 - The Merit and Camp Scholarship applications are due on May 1, 2015. There are no applications for the merit scholarship yet. We discussed ideas to inform the membership and to get people to support the merit scholarship.
- Membership
 - We have two new members: Joe Davoli, fiddle and mandolin and Brad Sullivan piano
- Events/Workshops
 - Music at the Mall Report
 - This was a great event chaired by Bernadette Kessler and held March 28, 2015. 10 teachers, 74 students participated.
 - The fundraising totals were \$865, including \$220 donated in the vase.
 - The pianos and decorations were donated by the Piano and Organ Center. Mickey's balloons donated a balloon bouquet.
 - There was event publicity on Syracuse.com and also in the newspaper.
 - Piano and Organ Center will still sponsor the event when they move out of the mall.
 - Bernadette suggested that the event could go to 2 days, if enough teachers will participate.
 - Friday Teacher Therapy Sessions
 - The next meeting will take place on May 8, 2015 at 10:00 am at Artist Pianos.
 - Attendance is up.
 - May's topic will be "Are adjudicated events helpful for students?".
 - Sonatina/Sonata Festival
 - This will take place on May 16, 2015, with an April 23rd deadline.
 - The goal is to make it a fun social event for the students.
- Competitions
 - Piano Competitions Report
 - The piano competitions ran smoothly.
 - The winners were posted in the newsletter.
 - The recording was done by Genta Trebicka who works for the Everson. The recording honorarium has been \$200 in past years. Amy Heyman made a motion that the honorarium for recording be raised to \$300, which is \$100 per service. Jim K. seconded the motion. After much discussion, Gayle Ross called the question. Majority approved the motion.

- Scholarship Competition Report
 - There were 4 applicants, 1 cellist and 3 pianists.
 - The judges were Andy Russo and Melissa Sieling
 - They chose one winner of \$2,000, Brian Gadbow, cellist.
- Instrumental Competition
 - Will take place on April 25, 2015, with the winner's recital on April 26th.
 - We have 18 applicants: 1 junior, 5 intermediates and 12 seniors.
- Sponsorship
 - Barb Irwin is always trying to find new sponsors. If anyone has any suggestions, let Barb know.
 - Baldwinsville Music will be the May sponsor highlight.
- Website
 - Pat Box feels that the website needs an update.
 - She has been in contact with Mary Ellen and the website designer, Andrea Woodbury. She has suggested some updates that will enhance the feel and function of the website.
 - We would like to add the option of paying dues and fees on the website.
 - Andrea submitted a proposal for \$1,050. But there are ways for us to save money, by having fewer choices in the website's design.
 - We will also have to pay Mary Ellen a small fee to help with the updates.
 - Phil Eisenman made a motion to update the website as per the proposal for \$600-\$900. Amy Heyman seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Barb would like to have the applications for events available on the site. We discussed if we can afford this? Money can be taken from Edward Jones fun if necessary. All were in favor of moving forward with the website upgrade and the original motion was passed.
- Recitals
 - The April 18, 2015 recital at Artist Pianos is taking place with 7 performers.
 - The Care Home Recital at The Hearth at Greenpoint, Liverpool will also take place on April 18th. The recital will last about 45 minutes.
- Banquet
 - Plans are moving along.
 - The doors will open at 10:30; Scores for Scholars music sale will begin at 11:00; Lunch will be at noon.
 - Robert Sharp (piano technician) is retiring. It was suggested that we honor him at the banquet.
 - There will be a banquet meeting today at Drumlins, to help plan the banquet. All are welcomed.
- Historian – Linda Yonteff reminded us to submit programs, etc. from events.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Positions to fill:

Treasurer (Linda will be ending her term) It was suggested that we ask Rob Richardson from Edward Jones? Linda will call him.

Recital Chair (It was suggested that we need a recital committee.)

Photographer

2. Board Members for 2015-16

Suggestions needed for new board members? We need to fill in some spots and replace board members who are not attending. Amy Heyman will contact Ida Trebicka, and Pat Box will contact Neva Pilgrim, to see if they will continue on the board. Everyone else will continue.

3. VOSS Sign/tri-folds/vase – Jim Vatter has it for whoever needs it next.

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made by Linda Yonteff. Barbara Irwin seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 13, 2015, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church at 9:30 a.m.