

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Sue Edwards, Pat Box, Linda Yonteff, Bernadette Hobin, James Lee Vatter, James Krehbiel, Amy Heyman, Dana DiGennaro, Barb Irwin, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman, Joyce Ucci, Patricia DeAngelis in attendance.

Meeting called to order 9:34 am.

Sue Edwards welcomed members.

The agenda was presented and was approved by all with no additions.

The minutes from the November 13, 2013 meeting were presented by Dana DiGennaro. Jim Krehbiel moved to approve the minutes as shown, Jim Vatter seconded, all present in favor. The minutes were approved with no changes.

Vice President Reports - none

Committee Chair Reports:

- Treasurer
 - Did not bring a written report. Linda Yonteff did report that there was not much activity.
 - Barnes and Noble proceeds have been deposited.
 - Sue Edwards has contacted Sally Gould about being treasurer next year. Sally has not yet replied.
- Scholarship
 - The scholarship committee applied for a one time grant from Syracuse Sounds of Music organization. A grant was awarded to CNYAMT for \$3000. The committee has distributed the funds as follows; \$1000 for merit scholarship(s) and \$2000 for camp scholarships.
 - It was suggested that we apply for a different grant next year. (Workshops and/or guest artist)
 - The 2014 benefit concert will take place on September 20, 2014 at OCC. The concert will feature scholarship winners. Ideas were discussed on how to get new sponsors and donors to attend concert.
 - The Scholarship fund has \$4,437.00.
 - Upcoming fundraisers include the February Suzuki Play-In and Music at the Mall.
 - The next meeting will take place on 1/31 to tour OCC and make plans.
- Membership
 - Jim Krehbiel reported that new members are JoAnn Dinoff, piano, Gina Fortunato, voice and piano and Jerry Exline, piano.
 - Barb Irwin has written a membership welcome letter. This letter will be for our current members to invite their colleagues to join as new members. Sue moved to approve the letter. Linda seconded. The letter was approved as a first draft. Barb will make a second draft.
 - Barb suggested that we might consider raising the membership dues. They have been \$40 for quite a while. More discussion needed.
- Events/Workshops
 - Jim Vatter spoke to Dave Zimet from Hickey's Music. Hickey's will be sponsoring a workshop with Gayle Kowalcek Alfred University at Artist Piano in August, TBA.

- Barnes and Noble recital was a huge success.
 - 23 teachers participated, 19 hours of music.
 - Suggestions for next year include addressing issues with timing. Each studio must take into consideration setup and teardown time. Studios must also clear the space quickly. There were also problems with the piano being moved by teachers, bench size and the microphone.
 - Total profit is \$1,258.44, which was a little more than last year.
 - Would we like to add Friday night to our weekend? Yes, we would like to add it if we have a teacher host.
 - Phil suggested that we make a FAQ to help make event a success.
- Suzuki Play-in with Arvilla Rovit, Beth Scott and Sue Edwards will take place on February 2, 2014 at the First Baptist Church of Manlius
- Pat Box has postponed her technology workshop. It will be rescheduled.
- Music at the Mall will take place on March 22, 2014. Pat Box is taking reservations. There will be 2 excellent digital pianos available.
- A Christopher Harding combo workshop/lecture/recital was suggested by Jim Vatter and Pat DeAngelis for the spring or next fall.
- A monthly member get together has been suggested.
- Pat D suggested a workshop on summer camp availability.
- Competitions
 - Joyce met with Ya-Wei Tseng who will be assisting with paperwork of the piano competitions.
- Sponsorship
 - We have been asked to remove Steinway Galleries from our website.
 - We added Syracuse Sounds of Music because of their grant to CNYAMT.
- Publicity – Barb suggested that we invest in t-shirts to sell in the future.
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Dana DiGennaro made a motion to renew Constant Contact as our email provider. Phil seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. All present were in favor of renewal.
 - Items for Next Newsletter Blast
 - Barb suggested that we remind members to clean out their libraries to donate music for the upcoming scores for scholars music sale.
 - Reminder about instrumental competition.
 - Reminder to teachers about the Merit Scholarship.
- Sunshine – no report, but please keep Suzanne Sweeney up to date on needs.
- Recitals
 - Animal themed Recital took place in January with Jim Vatter as the chair. 6 students of Joyce Ucci, Gayle Ross and Jim Vatter performed. Jim has photos and will send them to Dana for the newsletter. It was suggested to do it again next year, but to do it later in the month. Themed recitals work well, and more are requested. The donation vase brought in \$65.
 - Amy Heyman chaired the November recital at the Everson. The recital went well.
 - Next recital will be February 22, 2014 at the Everson. Two recitals are scheduled. Joyce Ucci is the chair. Due date is coming near.
 - Jim Krehbiel suggested that we add a recital before the instrumental competition next year.
- Telephone –no report
- Nominating Committee
 - Lynn Moroz, Gayle Ross and Ya-Wei Tseng have been suggested as new board members for next year.

- Historian
 - The boxes of CNYAMT archives are being moved to Linda Yonteff's house as she will be the next historian.
- Everson Piano Committee – no update.
- Banquet
 - No report
 - Gayle Ross, Bernadette Hobin, Barb Irwin, Amy Heyman and Pat Box are willing to help on the committee.

Other Business –

- Grants applications for future.
- Phil, Bernadette and Barb worked together to complete the proposal for the scholarship grant. We need a committee to determine appropriate grants for our future needs. Barb suggested that we schedule a meeting to give this topic the attention it will need.
- Visiting Artist Committee – we should form a committee to start plans for the future.
- Interactive Forms – no report
- Job Descriptions – no report
- High School Musical Advertisements – JD, CNS and Baldwinsville are done. Still need to follow-up with City Schools, Liverpool, Chittenango, CBA and Westhill.
- Investments – no report
- Insurance discussion – Sue would like to switch insurance companies due to bad customer service. The board supported a letter that would ask for an agent switch. If they cannot switch our agent, then we will consider leaving the agency. (Bailey, Haskel and LaLonde)

Who needs the Voss Sign/Vase/Sign-up sheet/TriFold – Sue needs it next for the Suzuki Play-In, then Joyce for the February Recital.

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, recording secretary.

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

Please mark your Calendar for all of these:

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