

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Minutes for Wednesday, February 11, 2015 9:30 a.m.

Dana DiGennaro, Patricia Box, Linda Yonteff, Bernadette Kessler, Phil Eisenman and Gayle Ross present.

Meeting called to order at 9:46.

Patricia Box, President, welcomed members.

Dana DiGennaro presented the board meeting minutes from the January, 14, 2015 meeting. Linda Yonteff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gayle Ross seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Treasurer
 - The regular checking account balance is \$4,396.70.
 - The scholarship account will have \$5,168 after deposits from the Suzuki play-in.
 - Linda Yonteff paid \$925 to Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church for facility use.
 - Linda will be resigning her position as treasurer at the end of the year. A search will begin to fill her position. Linda is working on a handbook to instruct a new treasurer.
- Scholarship
 - Forms for the merit and camp scholarship have been updated and were in the newsletter and are available in the member's only section of the website.
 - Information, questions, and applications for these scholarships should go from the teacher to the scholarship chairperson and should never come from the student.
- Membership
 - We have 3 new members. Iryna Juravich, violin, Edgar and Jessica Tumajyan, violin and viola.
 - We currently have 90 members.
 - Michael Hanley and Joann Dinoff were contacted by Gayle Ross and should be renewing shortly. Cornelia Brewster was contacted by Dana DiGennaro and will renew.
- Events/Workshops
 - Suzuki Play-In
 - The event was a huge success.
 - \$844 was earned at the event, including fees and donations.
 - 48 students, 7 teachers, 5 accompanists and 80 parents participated.
 - The event took place at the First Baptist Church in Manlius, which donated their space.
 - All teachers, accompanists and parent volunteers donated their services.
 - Friday Teacher Therapy Sessions
 - The February meeting was about studio policies and was well attended.
 - The next meeting is March 6th and will continue the studio policy discussion.
 - Music at the Mall
 - There are 8 teachers participating so far.
 - The schedule is booked until 2:30, but can still accommodate students after that time.
 - Care Home Recital
 - Pat Box is in contact with someone at Greenpoint in Liverpool and is working to set up a date for a community service recital on a Saturday in May. (She is also trying to reach Maple Downs.)
 - Bernadette suggested Park Terrace in Radisson, Linda suggested Menorah

Park, Gayle suggested The Oaks and Phil suggested the Nottingham and St. Camillus.

- Pat would like to have different areas of Syracuse represented.
- Competitions
 - Amy Heyman submitted a report to let us know that there are 3 elementary, 11 junior, 7 intermediate, and 6 senior competitors for upcoming piano competitions.
 - Amy still needs a helper for both competition dates.
 - All judges are set. Katherine Sherman and Heather Wheeler, from Crane are the judges for the first Saturday. Diane Birr and Chris Demaris, from Ithaca will be the judges for the second Saturday.
 - Bob Sharp will tune the pianos at PHP.
 - Jim will coordinate the tuning for the Everson winner's recital.
 - One judge has been hired for the scholarship competition. It will be Andy Russo.
 - There was a discussion of whether we should continue to have competitions if we are low in numbers? This might be a discussion for the banquet. Getting teachers to participate is difficult. How can we get teachers to recognize the value?
 - Should we require teachers with students participating to volunteer their time the day of the competition?
 - Advertising went out about the vocal and instrumental competitions to OCMEA list-serve.
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Dana contacted Robert Sharp, who will submit by mail, information about himself. He will be an upcoming sponsor highlight.
 - There were suggestions for the following sections in the newsletter: table of contents, opportunities for service, positions to be filled and the professional corner (where we could educate the population of members about the value of the things we do).
- Website
 - Patricia Box is trying to schedule a meeting with MaryEllen to discuss our website needs.
 - Pat thinks the website needs a refreshed look.
- Recitals
 - There will be an ensemble recital (with some solos) on February 14, 2015 at 2:00, at Artist Pianos.
- Sunshine
 - Cards were sent to Amy Heyman for her grandfather's passing and to Donna Lacy for her husband's death.
- Historian
 - Linda purchased a flash drive for minutes, newsletters, and information sent via email.
 - She suggested that the historian be responsible for updating technology items in the archive. (Such as vinyl recordings, cassette tapes, etc. to the latest formats.)
- Everson Piano Committee
 - CMM did not get the Syracuse Sounds of Music grant for repair of the Everson piano.
 - CMM is getting an assessment about what needs to be done with the piano at the Everson for the coming year and will inform CNYAMT.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Patricia Box is working to have a violin masterclass for next year. Phil Eisenman reported that the LIVE! at the Everson concert series will be filled with former CMM concerto winners. He wondered if CNYAMT be interested in working with CMM for an open masterclass with artists who are visiting for Live! concerts. They would be community based workshops/masterclasses.

He would need CNYAMT's help with communication, location, etc. Phil made a motion that CNYAMT partner with CMM for community based masterclasses/workshops given by visiting artists of the 125th season LIVE! Gayle seconded the motion. All present were in favor of the partnership.

2. Job Descriptions – Pat will send out a request for job descriptions from all chairs before the banquet.

3. VOSS Sign/tri-folds/vase – Jim Vatter needs these next for the ensemble recital. Bernadette Kessler will deliver the items to him.

Positions to fill:

Treasurer

Scholarship competition chairperson

Recital chairperson

Adjournment 11:30.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, recording secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, April 8, 2015, PHP 9:30 a.m.