

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Minutes for Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Members present – Sue Edwards, Linda Yonteff, Jim Krehbiel, James Lee Vatter, Patricia DeAngelis, Pat Box, Dana DiGennaro, Joyce Ucci, Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin, Amy Heyman

Sue Edwards welcomed all members and the meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

The Board Meeting minutes from February 13, 2014 were presented and reviewed. Jim Krehbiel motioned that the minutes be approved as presented with no changes and Jim Vatter seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Treasurer**
 - Our checking account balance is \$10,817.73, the Edwards Jones investment balance is \$12,722.56 and the Lincoln annuity balance is \$15,464.09
 - New checks have been ordered and have not yet arrived.
 - Since no one has stepped forward to be our new treasurer, Linda Yonteff will continue as treasurer next year.
 - Linda presented our current budget and current committee reports. Barb Irwin made a motion to accept the budget and reports as printed. Bernadette Kessler seconded the motion. All were in favor.
 - Dana DiGennaro made a motion to require a new budget be presented at the August board meeting. Linda seconded the motion. Discussion would happen during the August meeting and a finished budget would be voted on in the September meeting. A budget committee meeting will take place in July, to create the budget that can be reviewed in August. The budget committee will consist of the treasurer, president, secretary and any other interested members. Committee expenses are due to the budget committee before the July meeting or by the annual meeting. Dana called the question. All were in favor.
- **Scholarship**
 - The merit and camp scholarship forms have been updated and were sent out with the last newsletter. They are also available in the member's only section of the website. The applications are due on May 1st. We have no applications for the merit scholarship and only one for the music camp scholarship so far.
- **Membership**
 - New members are Michael Hanley, voice and Carlie Anderson-Lollie, piano and Suzuki violin.
 - Cornelia Brewster renewed her membership.
 - Sue Edwards will get the mail merge membership letter, president's letter and mailing labels to Jim K.
 - Barb Irwin moved to raised membership fees as follows to cover raising costs: Active membership \$50, Active Spouse membership \$70 (\$50+\$20), Auxiliary and Collegiate membership \$20. Sue seconded the motion, which after discussion was passed unanimously.
- **Banquet**
 - The banquet committee met and decided that the luncheon will have a "Country Jamboree" theme, catered by Dinosaur BBQ.
 - Lunch will be free to members and cost \$15 for guests.
 - Sue will get mail merge labels to Dana for the invitations
 - The following guests were suggested (followed by who will invite them): Katherine Ciarelli (Sue), Frank DeFonda, Irwin Goldberg (Amy), Muriel Bodley (Joyce),
 - Scholarship competition and merit scholarship winners plus one guest each will be

- invited.
 - Pat DeAngeles and Jim Vatter (golf themed) will donate a basket this year.
- Events/Workshops
 - Music at the Mall took place on March 22, 2014 and was terrific this year. Donations totaled \$535 (which includes \$119 from the donation vase) with zero expenses. 9 teachers and 66 students participated. Our sponsor, The Piano and Organ Center donated the pianos, microphones, chairs, etc. They also gave each participant a 20% off one item coupon to be used that day.
- Competitions
 - The Instrumental Competition took place on April 5, 2014. There were 21 total participants: 15 senior division, 5 intermediate division and one junior division.
 - It was agreed that we need to have a competition meeting this summer.
 - The winner's recitals have been recorded by Jeff Derouin. The sound recording quality is excellent, but the presentation is lacking. Could we ask him to do more in the way of the presentation, with a cover for the CDs and tracking information, and suggest he charge more?
 - Amy Heyman spoke with Jon English, who would like to profile our winning students on the radio at WCNV. Amy would be willing to talk to him more about it. Students selected would be featured on Saturday mornings.
- Sponsorship – We have a new sponsor, Edward Jones.
- Publicity
 - We are still trying to decide if we should have one central publicity person or should each event publicize their own event.
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Artists Piano will be asked to be our April sponsor highlight.
 - Dana will send out requests to the whole membership for items for the newsletter.
 - Sue moved to add a newsletter archive link to the website. Cost will be \$5 per month. Jim K seconded the motion. Everyone present in favor. Dana will arrange the archived link with Constant Contact.
 - Dana has been asked to check if there is a way to format the newsletter so that it will print correctly.
- Sunshine
 - Suzanne Sweeney looked into sending a sympathy card to the family of honorary member H. Winthrop Martin who recently passed, but there isn't one. The funeral director suggested that we announce his death to the membership and suggest that we honor Win with a donation to CNYAMT in his name, which we did in the April newsletter. A card was also sent to Pat Box for the death of her mother.
- Recitals
 - The only recitals left are the Vocal winner's recital in May and the scholarship winner's recital at the banquet in June.
 - Themed recital suggestions for next year are sonatina, ensembles, animals, Baroque Bash, boys and the lighter side.
- Historian
 - Linda asked how long is it necessary to keep copies of board meeting minutes and how many copies do we need to save? Sue will put 5 years of minutes online in the member's only section of the website. It was decided that we need to keep one copy of all of the past minutes with the archives.
 - Linda would like to be reimbursed for ink for printing the monthly newsletter for our archives.
- Honorary members – The board discussed members who had retired from teaching this year and no new members qualified as an honorary member for 2014.
- Nominating committee – Current committee chairs will be contacted by Sue to see if they are willing to continue in their positions. She will also ask new board members to join for the

2014-2015 year.

- Website – Sue will contact MaryEllen to get links on the “news” section of the website.

Other Business –

- Sue would like to add an additional May meeting. We will be adding one on Wednesday, **May 7, 2014 at Amy Heyman’s house at 9:30 am.**
- Quarterly Parties for members have been suggested, to socialize with our members and to invite prospective members. Sue read Phil Eisenman’s email with some suggestions to get these going. Sue will ask Phil if he would be willing to chair evening events.
- Steve Rosenfeld would like to re-start the Friday morning teacher get-togethers. It was suggested that Steve could write up a proposal for these events to present to the board. Jim V. will speak to Steve about a proposal.
- Has there been a meeting set to apply for grants for next year? Sue will ask Barb to set something up. It has not been determined who is on this committee.
- We will be having a meeting about our Barnes & Noble event at Barnes and Noble in DeWitt on either Wednesday, May 21st at 9:30 or Friday, May 30th at 11:00 am. Sue will arrange the meeting and let everyone know when it will take place.
- Visiting Artist Committee
 - Jim Vatter will contact Jane McGrath about a September workshop and Christopher Harding for an undetermined date.
 - Kelly Covert has been suggested for a Yoga class.
 - Jim Vatter, Joyce Ucci, Amy Heyman, Lynn Moroz and Bernadette Kessler will work together to begin planning upcoming workshops.
- High School Musicals – We did place advertisements in the musical programs at Liverpool HS, Nottingham HS, MPH and CBA.
- Who needs next? Voss Sign/Vase/Sign-up sheet/TriFold – Neva

Meeting Adjourned at 11:41 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, recording secretary

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2014 9:30 am at Amy Heyman’s house.

Please mark your Calendar for all of these:

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

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