

CNYAMT Board Meeting – NSEA, 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:30am

Present: Patricia Box, Barbara Irwin, Bernadette Kessler, Phil Eisenman, Jim Krehbiel, Dana DiGennaro, Jessica Tumajyan, Gayle Ross, Mary Ellen DiPietra

Patricia Box, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 9:41 a.m.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the board meeting minutes from January 11, 2017. Jim Krehbiel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Phil Eisenman seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report

February Account Balances

Checking \$7,306.36

Scholarship \$3,246.37

Lincoln Annuity \$7,312.90

Edwards Jones \$13,208.10 (up \$156)

Constant Contact was paid \$235 for the email newsletter. \$25 will be refunded for overpayment due to a last minute renewal.

We still have 3 outstanding checks. (Two will be removed from the checking account and Pat Box will check on the other.)

Membership

Joe Davoli, fiddle, renewed his membership.

Paula Douglas, Suzuki violin, is a new member.

We now have 91 total members.

Year at a Glance

Instrumental Winner's Concert has been changed to May 7th at 2:00 at the Everson.

Informal recital has been changed to February 28th at 2:00 at Artist Pianos.

Scholarship

Syracuse Rotary Club.

Pat, Barbara Irwin and Bernadette Kessler had lunch at the Rotary club. The members were very welcoming to CNYAMT. Pat shared about our organization and will apply for a grant to the scholarship fund. Applications will be out soon.

List of summer camps are available, and were listed in the newsletter.

Paper receipts have been made for donations to our organization.

Competitions

Judges are set for the piano and instrumental competitions.

Jim Vatter received an email from John Spradling about a student. His piano student would like to apply for the scholarship competition on French horn and piano. We need to find out if the horn teacher is a member? If not, he may only apply on the piano.

Instrumental Competition will be changing the recital date due to a conflict with SYO. The Mountain Goat race is on the new date, so we will push the time to 2:00.

Jim Vatter will step down as the scholarship competition chair. (will Lynn Moroz continue?)

Changes have been made to the competition forms to update new dates and times.

Recitals

January 14th recital was cancelled.

February 11th recital has been moved to February 28th at 2:00 at Artist Pianos.
Jim Vatter will step down as recital chair at the end of this year.

Fundraising Events

Suzuki Play-In

All set for February 11th.

Piano and Organ Center Music Marathon

April 1st.

7 teachers have signed up and 4 others are interested.

Piano and Organ Center will do a \$500 donation to CNYAMT, and will give each student who participates a 15% coupon code good for any purchase (Or total purchase) including pianos.

New Events

Baroque Bash March 24-25, Artist Pianos

Sonatina Festival, April 7-8, Artist Pianos

Proposed fall 2017 Piano Masterclass with Dmitri Novgorodsky, who is a new faculty member at Ithaca College. (Has been hired as a judge for this year's Piano Competition) Amy Heyman is in contact with him. Possible dates are October or November of 2017. Should we send an email to our piano membership to ask for interest? Is there a commitment from piano teachers, to have their students participate? Amy needs to get more info. The board would be happy to support the event, if there are members that are willing to participate.

Community Outreach

The Hearth at Greenpoint needs a rescheduled date. Jessica is having a hard time connecting with the contact person. She will wait to hear from her, and if doesn't hear back then she will look for another facility.

For next year, we will try other locations/dates.

Sponsorship

New sponsor – Charles Beach (grandfather)

Syracuse University won't commit.

Voss Signs will not renew due to finances.

Should we add an option to the membership form to sponsor? Or in the recital programs? Or a button on the website?

Corresponding Secretary

71% open rate for the January newsletter.

We need to get out the new logo to the membership.

Website update

Lana Stafford is interested in helping.

Still no editable form on the website for membership. Andrea Woodbury is not being responsive. Pat will contact her again, and check how to keep her interested.

Grants (CNY Arts grant)

This has not yet been written. (Dana will ask Alina Plourde if she can help.)

We have time to get this done, but need to get it started.

Gene Edminster, a friend of Barb's, might be interested in helping in the future, but not right now.

Facebook

Lana Stafford is interested in helping.

Dana will check on how to add Lana as an admin on Facebook.

Future CNYAMT President

The nominating Committee met and Bernadette Kessler has agreed to be our next president.

As president, Bernadette would like to give up Scores for Scholars and Petting Zoo. Pat proposed a restructure the executive board to add a President Elect in line for each future term. One VP, treasurer, and a recording secretary. For future, add immediate past president to the executive board to provide advice, etc. and to support the new president. Pat moved to change the position of two vice presidents to one VP and a president elect on the executive board starting immediately. In 2017-2018 we will add the position of Immediate Past President. Jim K. seconded the motion. Gayle asked a question about what is listed on the bylaws. This is allowed per the bylaws. Pat called for a vote, all present were in favor.

Board of Directors/Other Positions

Lana Stafford will be a new member

Phil Eisenman will take over membership.

Amy is leaving the board at the end of the year, as her term is up.

Barb will ask John Ferrara if he is interested in being on the board.

Ideas for people to help are Chris Drancheck, Jenni Foutch, Joe Davoli, John Ferrara

OTHER BUSINESS

The sign/vase Suzuki is needed for the Playdown on Feb. 11th.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:24.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., NSEA