

**CNYAMT Board Meeting- NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse
Agenda for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:30am**

Present: Dana DiGennaro, Pat Box, Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin, Mary Ellen DiPietra, Phil Eisenman, Jessica Tumayjan, Gayle Ross, Carrie Lazarus

Bernadette Kessler, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the minutes from the January board meeting. Pat Box made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Mary Ellen DiPietra seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Report

Mary Ellen found new liability insurance coverage for under \$200 per year.

Balances

Checking \$9,078.52

Scholarship checking \$4,320.37

Lincoln Annuity \$17,311.04

Edwards Jones \$14,848.80

Membership

New member Noemi Milorandovic, violin.

Phil presented the new membership and benefits policy. This policy will be put on the website, and may be attached to the membership form. Gayle made a motion to accept the new policy as written and to attach it to the membership form. Barb Irwin seconded the motion. All present in favor.

Membership and Benefits Policy

The annual membership fee is due on or before midnight of October 1st.

New members will be entitled to all benefits beginning on the first day of membership.

- A member who inadvertently allows membership to lapse, will be entitled to all benefits upon renewal during the lapsed year if the member can make the case for inadvertency to the membership chair who has the authority to reinstate the member or bring the request to the board.
- Membership and full benefits may be renewed in full following a logical lapse due to a withdrawal from active teaching for one full year or more.
- A lapse that is not related to withdrawal from active teaching in the Central New York region will necessitate three successive years of active dues-paying membership before student eligibility for senior scholarship or student participation in the piano competition will be re-activated.

Year at a Glance

The Jacob Ertl masterclass has been cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

Website update

We received a bill for website domain which is approximately \$9/month.
Please send photos to Pat Box for the website that are uncropped.

Competitions

Elementary & Junior Advanced Piano Competition: March 3

Intermediate & Senior Advanced Piano Competition: March 10

2 elementary, 7 junior, 5 intermediate, and 5 senior applicants.

Amy is concerned about building access, but will contact the church for instructions.

Vocal Competition: April 21- No update

Instrumental Competition: May 5

Judges will be Jill Coggiola, clarinet and Laura Klughurz, viola.

Events/Workshops

Instrument Discovery Zone: February 3

Thanks to Barb for helping to get teachers to attend and assist.

2 students also helped out.

Heidi Kovarik brought her daughter to do strings, Deb Guarneiri brought her ukulele display and her student. Lee Turner did brass. Becky Dodd did cello.

We received a message from Sonya saying thank you, and an invitation to an upcoming Symphoria concert with a reception for teachers.

This was a very successful event which makes good relationships with parents/students.

Heidi Kovarik will chair this event next year.

Suzuki Play-In: March 24

Group classes and play down concert for violin students only.

The event is scheduled during a Symphoria dress rehearsal, which is unfortunate.

Music Marathon: April 14

The current schedule was passed around.

13 teachers are currently participating.

Full schedule, great event.

Recitals

100 year Celebration of William Gillock

Not scheduled yet.

Pat Box will talk to Pat DeAngelis and Jim Vatter about plans for this.

It was suggested that we could maybe incorporate this event into the Music Marathon.

Masterclasses

Piano: Dimitri Novgorodsky: Feb. 17

Jim Vatter has 4 teachers for the masterclass.

11-1 is the timeframe.

\$45 per student for the class.

We need to have a set of regulations on the expectations of putting together an event like this. Phil made a motion to set up a committee to address this.

Bernadette seconded. All present in favor to get a committee started.

No events should be scheduled without prior approval of all details by the board.

Festivals:

Baroque & Sonatina: March 23-24

No information yet, just a very limited amount on the website.

Piano Committee

CMM is staying at Grace Episcopal for the rest of the season.

Sponsorship

OCC still hasn't paid. Barb is following up.

Publicity

Musical program ads for Liverpool, FM, and JD this month.

Sunshine

Sent a card to Pat DeAngelis for the death of her husband Tony, who was also a CNYAMT member.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carrie Lazarus: Extraordinary Talent

Carrie Lazarus attended our meeting.

She started the Extraordinary Talent program 6 years ago, as she felt the community needed more good news! She asked News Channel 9 if she could ~~she~~ start ½ hour special featuring extraordinary places/talents/etc. She wanted to feature young musicians like athletes had been featured.

She wasn't sure how to find these kids, so she called HS principals, and then musicians and teachers. Many of the kids needed financial help in order to succeed. She decided to put her name on a fund, to raise money for these kids.

She has a connection to Pat and Tony D, and helped Pat's student Kaelem get a new piano. The fund tries to help whether large or small gifts.

She would like to work together with CNYAMT and asked if we can put information in our newsletter. She will contact Dana with an article for the newsletter.

We invited her to the luncheon to speak.

The overall umbrella organization is not a fund, but a way to shine a spotlight on the performing arts in our community. Valuable and special kids. The main goal is to feature kids 48 weeks of the year.

She shares many of the values of our organization.

The Extraordinary live show happens once a year. She would like to fill more of the seats at the Civic Center. Tickets are free.

She shows such excitement for the kids.

Message is to tell more people to attend, and support each other, and how to excite kids to watch the weekly featured kids.

Should we make a donation to Carrie Lazarus fund? Let's wait and see.

NYSMTA Conference 2018

Bernadette has a meeting with Gary Fisher and 3 others next Wednesday to discuss the process. Barb Irwin will also attend. Steve Rosenfeld is also interested.

Voss sign/vase: Jim Vatter needs the signs for the piano masterclass.

Adjournment at 11:33 a.m.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 9:30 a.m. at NSEA.