

**CNYAMT Board Meeting – NSEA, 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse
Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 9:30am**

Present: Patricia Box, Bernadette Kessler, James Lee Vatter, Amy Heyman, Dana DiGennaro, Lana Stafford, MaryEllen DiPietra, Barbara Irwin, Jessica Tumajyan, Dick Ford, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenmann

Patricia Box, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

Dana DiGennaro presented the board meeting minutes from the February 8, 2017 meeting. Bernadette made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Jessica Tumajyan seconded the motion. All present were in favor of accepting the minutes as presented.

Treasurer Report

Mary Ellen DiPietra presented the February and March detailed spreadsheets. Everything was very clear and concise.

March Balances

Checking \$7,481.50
Scholarship checking \$3,949.79
Lincoln annuity \$17,312.90
Edward Jones \$13,437.00

Membership

94 total members. 72 active, 6 auxiliary, 16 honorary

New members are Albert Zarank, piano, joined as an active member and Barbara Bell (from SSMA) joined as an auxiliary member.

John Ferrara renewed.

All joined and renewed online.

Year at a Glance Calendar

Updated dates are now available on the website.

Our new contact at the Everson is Livvy Kronhaus. events@everson.org (315)474-6064 x300

A new activity report form will be uploaded to the website for all chairpersons.

Competitions

Piano Competition Report

The new name of the piano competition is the Artists Piano Advanced Piano Competition.

The competition was held on March 4 and 11, 2017, and the winners' recital took place on March 8th.

Linda Auser, Amy Heyman, and YaWei Tseng were the chairpersons. Joyce Ucci assisted.

The competition took place at the Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, and the winners' concert at the Everson Museum.

24 contestants from 10 studios participated.

40-50 people attended each recital.

Scott and JoBeth from Artist Pianos attended. They donated the prize money of \$605.

The piano competition will come out with a loss of \$724.69.

The piano judges awarded ties in the competition. The competition committee had previously decided no ties would be awarded. The competition committee needs to meet soon to discuss inconsistencies in competition rules.

Discussion of tuning for competitions. This is a huge cost for the competitions. Would PHP tune the piano or reduce the fee since we pay to tune their piano? Should we talk to Betty Kahler about the piano tuning times and fees?

Barb Irwin was disappointed that the donation vase was not at the piano competition. It

is a nice source of income. She and Pat Box would like to be contacted to be sure the vase and sign are there for every recital and event.

Instrumental Competition 4/29

All set for the competition.

Vocal Competition 4/29

All set for the competition.

Recitals

No regular recitals are scheduled at this time.

Fundraising Events

Suzuki Play-In

This event took place on February 11, 2017 from 9:30-12:30. Tina Oyer Ponce was the chairperson. Paula Douglas and Beth Scott assisted.

43 students and 6 teachers participated.

There was no cost to hold this event. Fees collected were \$410, and \$195 was donated in the vase.

Piano and Organ Center Music Marathon

This event took place on April 1, 2017 from 9:30 – 5:00.

Bernadette Kessler was the chairperson and Pat Box, Barb Irwin, and Gayle Ross were on the committee.

10 teachers and 91 performers participated.

Income was \$1955, including \$500 from the Piano and Organ Center.

The Piano and Organ Center tuned the piano, gave us the location for free and gave discount coupons to the participants.

Festivals

Baroque Bash

March 25, 2017 at Artist Pianos.

31 participants.

Steve Rosenfeld was our judge, who charged \$150.

One teacher wanted a grade change for her student.

Sonatina Festival

April 8, 2017 at Artist Pianos.

Numbers were down.

It was suggested that next year we combine the Baroque and Sonatina festivals.

Scholarship

Senior Scholarship Competition

One applicant, Ben Daly, piano, who was awarded \$1,000.

His audition was done on YouTube.

Steve Heyman was the judge and was paid \$50.

Opposition was voiced about giving the scholarship to someone whose teacher wasn't a member for three years, per the competition rules. The student has been an active CNYAMT participant, and had previously studied with a CNYAMT teacher.

Dana DiGennaro will be the new chair of the scholarship competition.

Music Camp/Senior Merit

Application Deadline, May 1, 2017.

Community Outreach

The event to be held at The Hearth at Greenpoint has been cancelled, due to the contact there not responding to correspondence by Jessica, the chairperson.

Jessica left a message with the Golisano Children's Hospital, to hold an event there.

Suggestions were made for the Franciscan Villa and/or Park Rose in Liverpool.

CNYAMT SIGN

Pat suggested that we need a new CNYAMT sign, so that we can have 2 signs and 2 vases for multiple events that occur at the same time.

A new Voss Sign will cost about \$210, or \$34 for tabletop sign.

Phil Eisenman made a motion that Pat Box spend approximately \$250 to purchase a new sign or two (one big and one small). Discussion ensued. Barb seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Vase /Sign

Gayle needs them next, and then Dana for the upcoming winners' recitals.

Upcoming events

Proposed fall 2017 Piano Masterclass with Dmitri Novgorodsky.

He is a new faculty member at Ithaca College, and was a judge for this years Piano Competition.

Amy Heyman doesn't want to be in charge. Jim Vatter offered to chair this. He will start the process and find out if there is enough interest.

Sponsorship

We dropped SU as a sponsor, as they did not respond to Barb's repeated notices for payment. She would like to add a "friend" category. For people who are not businesses. \$50?

Corresponding Secretary

Dana notified the board that there has been a problem with people with twcnny.rr.com emails receiving the newsletter. She and Bernadette are working to rectify this problem.

Website update

Andrea cannot do the edit for members. The only option is that she can add a new sheet for \$79 a month. Pat sent the old database from Mary Ellen Casey to see if Andrea could open and use it. Pat has not heard back from Andrea.

Luncheon

June 14, 2017.

Barb needs updated mailing labels to send invitations.

She will promote it as a membership luncheon.

Grants

Pat is watching for the Rotary application to be available.

Board of Directors

Lana Stafford will be joining us as a new member of the board.

Publicity –

There is an updated publicity form on the website.

There was a discussion of school musical advertisements, cost vs. size of advertisement.

Everson Piano Committee

The CMM survey is out to members and there will be a meeting soon.

More lights are out at the Everson, and the lighting is terrible. Events can use the spotlight in the back for more light on the performers.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:31.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, June 7, 9:30, NSEA