

CNYAMT Board Meeting - Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church

Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 15, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

Jim Krehbiel, Amy Heyman, Linda Yonteff, Victoria King, Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman, Pat Box and Dana DiGennaro present.

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 am.

Patricia Box, president, welcomed members.

The minutes from the September 17, 2014 meeting were presented by Dana DiGennaro. Linda Yonteff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Barb Irwin seconded the motion. All in favor. Minutes are approved as presented.

- Guest - Victoria King, Operations Manager of Symphoria.
 - Victoria passed out flyers, bookmarks, and publicity information to our members. She would like to find more ways that CNYAMT and Symphoria can get connected. She was hoping that we could let our members know that all Symphoria concerts are free to all children and they offer group discounts.
 - She wasn't sure if Symphoria members knew about CNYAMT. Dana let her know that members of Symphoria have been introduced to CNYAMT.
 - She introduced the "link up" program, a school music curriculum that links students with the symphony.
 - Symphoria could offer a table to CNYAMT for advertising at any concert.
 - We discussed advertising options and the possibility of discounts for us or a sponsorship trade. Victoria will get back to Dana about advertising.
 - Jon Garland will send items to Dana for the newsletter.

Committee Chair Reports:

- Treasurer
 - Linda and Pat opened up a new scholarship bank account with a beginning balance of \$3,902.
 - The regular account has a balance of \$2,589.13.
 - Lincoln Financial has a balance of \$17,311.02.
 - Edward Jones has a balance of \$13,123.49.
 - Linda will present a full report next month.
- Scholarship
 - The scholarship benefit concert took place at OCC where 8 of 11 camp scholarship recipients and Jacob Dalager, trumpet, performed.
 - Expenses totaled \$456.84 and donations were \$585.
 - Discussion took place about the worth of the benefit concert versus the expenses. Positives include performance opportunity for kids, and general positive feel. The scholarship committee will meet to discuss some new options for fundraisers.
 - Phil Eisenman made a motion that the CNYAMT general fund reimburse the scholarship fund for accompanist fees and refreshments in the total of \$411.84, which has already been spent. Linda seconded the motion. Linda suggested charging the refreshments to be split between the scholarship fund and recitals. The motion was amended to be \$330 to cover accompanist fees. Phil called the question, all were in favor.
- Membership
 - Currently we have 85 members. (69 active, 5 active spouse, 5 auxiliary, 6 honorary)
 - One new member, Jesse Sprole, piano.
 - Jim Krehbiel will send an updated spreadsheet to Linda, Pat and Barb listing current members.

- We need to set a policy about what grace period should be given to members who are late with renewal. (With a possible late fee.) We need to be sure that all forms clearly state that membership dues are due by September 1st. Competition rules still apply.
- Events/Workshops
 - Jane Magrath workshop
 - It was a very successful day.
 - Financial Report
 - Jane's fee was \$1,100.
 - \$300 was paid by Alfred. (She presented an Alfred showcase.)
 - \$250 was paid by Syracuse University.
 - More financial information needs to be submitted.
 - Barb voiced that it was risky to have underwritten this workshop without more information.
 - Discussion was brought up about the high expense for teachers to attend.
 - Friday morning Teacher Therapy sessions
 - The next meeting is planned for 11/7/14 and will take place on the first Friday of each month. Open to teachers of all instruments.
 - The topic will be "teaching reading to students and dealing with lack of practice".
 - Instrument Petting Zoo
 - Will take place on 10/25/14 at Inspiration Hall on James Street in Syracuse.
 - Volunteers will arrive at 9:00 with an event start time of 9:30.
 - Linda will run the day and present the oboe. Beth Scott will do strings. Jacob Dalager will do brass. Michael Phillips (prospective member) will do guitar. Barb and Gayle will be there to help.
 - Dana and Dave DiGennaro will supply a trumpet, trombone and flute.
 - Mid-state Music will provide the string instruments.
 - Competitions
 - Amy Heyman is working to secure judges.
 - Amy will not be able to attend piano winner's recital. Bernadette Kessler and Pat have offered to help that day.
 - Recitals
 - The Halloween recital is almost full.
 - Banquet
 - Barb has a meeting at Drumlins today, to investigate plans for the banquet.
 - Sunshine
 - A card will be sent to Bill Goodrum, as his wife recently passed away.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Proposals for possible grants for next year
 - Commissioning Bruce Berr to write a piece dedicated to CNYAMT to be debuted at workshop on creativity/composition in the Fall of 2015. A grant writing committee needed for this ASAP. His fee for \$300 for commissioning a piece.
- A composition competition/festival has also been suggested for next fall. Students/teacher will correspond with Bruce Berr throughout composition process. The composition competition is for students and is limited to piano compositions only this year. The workshop fee is \$800-\$1000. Pat will apply for a grant, and we will continue with plans if grant is approved. More details soon.

VOSS Sign/tri-folds/vase...who needs next? Linda for the petting zoo and Barb for the Halloween Recital.

Meeting adjourned at 11:33 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, recording secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, November 12, 2014, Pebble Hill Presbyterian - 9:30 a.m.

Officers and Committees:

President – Patricia Box

Vice President of Education – Bernadette Kessler

Vice President of Administration – Barb Irwin

Vice President of Communication – Job absorbed by President

Treasurer – Linda Yonteff

Secretary Recording – Dana DiGennaro

Secretary Corresponding – Dana DiGennaro

Recitals – Jim Vatter

Banquet – Barb Irwin

Scholarship – Patricia Box, co-chair, Bernadette Kessler

Membership – Jim Krehbiel

Events/Workshops-

Competitions – Amy Heyman

Sponsorship – Barb Irwin

Publicity – looking for someone, for now each chair takes care of their own

Sunshine- Suzanne Sweeney

Website – Pat, Dana, Jim K, Barb

Telephone – Barb Irwin

Historian – Linda Yonteff

Everson Piano Committee – Phil Eisenman

Barnes and Noble – Patricia Box

Music at the Mall – Bernadette Kessler