

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, May 13, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Present: Amy Heyman, Phil Eisenman, Linda Yonteff, Barb Irwin, Bernadette Kessler, Patricia Box, Dana DiGennaro

Meeting called to order at 9:37 a.m.

Patricia Box, President, welcomed members.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the board meeting minutes from the April 15, 2015 meeting. Linda Yonteff made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Phil Eisenman seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Committee Chair Reports:

- ***The Annual Committee Reports*** are due today, if you have not emailed them to Pat Box already.
- ***Job Description Updates*** are due today, if you have not emailed them to Pat Box already. Please get them in as soon as possible!

- Treasurer
 - There is a \$2,423.66 balance in the regular checking account.
 - There is a \$6,904.08 balance in the scholarship account. (This year's scholarships have not been debited yet.)
 - Lincoln Annuity has the same balance as last report.
 - Edward Jones has a \$13,696.68 balance. Linda Yonteff will transfer \$1,000 from the Edward Jones account to the checking account to pay for upcoming website improvements.
 - Linda will speak to Rob Richardson at Edward Jones about being our new treasurer.
 - Upcoming anticipated expenses include \$2,000 in camp scholarships, a \$500 merit scholarship, \$2,000 for the senior scholarship winner and a partial payment for the website update of \$337. The banquet expenses are still unknown.
 - It was approved that expenses for the Scholarship Competition (such as tuning and printing, etc.) will come out of the general fund. The award money will come out of the scholarship fund.
 - It was again clarified that all monies donated in the vase will go into the scholarship fund.
- Scholarship
 - 11 music camp scholarships with a total of \$2,000 were awarded. The instruments were violin, piano, flute, and voice. \$100 per student per week for younger children and \$200 per student per week for older kids, with a maximum of \$500.
 - Cecilia Vacanti of Baldwinsville, (a student of Alyssa Blount) was the winner of the merit scholarship this year. The scholarship amount will be \$500.
 - The scholarship committee is looking into writing another grant.
 - There will not be a benefit concert in the fall, due to lack of funds generated.
- Membership
 - The membership mail merge is complete!
 - There will be a Membership table at the banquet, where members can renew early.
- Events/Workshops
 - Sonatina/Sonata Festival
 - Will take place on May 16, 2015 at Syracuse University.
 - 23 participants; 12 sonatas and 11 sonatinas.
 - Three winners in each division will participate in an Honors Recital at 5:30 p.m.
 - Sonatina prizes (3) will be \$100, Sonata prizes (3) will be \$150.
 - The Sonatina/Sonata festival will not take place at SU next year.

- Competitions
 - Instrumental Competition
 - 18 students participated on violin, viola, cello, flute, bassoon, trumpet and horn.
 - Four senior winners, plus one honorable mention.
 - Two intermediate winners, plus one honorable mention.
 - One junior winner.
 - The winner’s recital was held at Temple Concord after we were bumped from the schedule at the Everson. Temple Concord was a lovely space!
 - It was discussed that Jim Krehbiel and Dana DiGennaro would like to eliminate the junior division next year, or combine it with the intermediate division.
 - There was a discussion about prize money, and it was decided that that topic will be discussed at a summer competition committee meeting.
- Website
 - A brand new look to our website is underway.
 - Patricia Box shared some details and photos of what the website will look like.
 - Several meetings have taken place with the web designer to decide how the website will function best for our organization.
- Recitals
 - Amy Heyman has prepared a recital template for upcoming events.
 - Amy will be the new recital chair. She has listed some potential recitals and chairpersons. She will work to fill the remaining spots and to solidify the schedule.
 - Community Service – Fall date to be scheduled
 - Halloween – Barb Irwin and Bernadette Kessler, Oct 24
 - Duets/Concertos at the Everson – Amy Heyman, Nov 21
 - Animal Themed – James Lee Vatter, January 16
 - Everson recital, two recitals, two pianos available, February 6
 - Instrumental – Jim Krehbiel, mid-April
 - Hearth at Greenpoint – Pat Box, April 16
 - Lighter Side – James Lee Vatter, May 14
 - Sonata/Sonatina Festival – Patricia DeAngelis, May
 - Winner’s Recitals for all competitions
 - There was a discussion about the Everson, and the new people who work there. There have been many recent miscommunications with the new staff. There is a long history between CNYAMT and the Everson, which needs to be clarified. There also needs to be some contact between CNYAMT and CMM, and then jointly with the Everson. The documents defining former agreements are out of date, and need to be rewritten and committed to by the Everson.

CNYAMT “Self-Check-ups”

RECITALS

CNYAMT mission “We desire to promote enrichment and education in the musical arts for teachers and their students”

With this statement in mind how are we doing in the area of Recitals? What is working for us? What can we do better?

Objectives/Benefits

- positive performance opportunities
- develop musicianship
- motivation – goal setting
- support teachers and students

Cost

- printed programs

- piano tuning

Venues

- Everson Museum of Art – wonderful instruments, formal concert location; parking issues, new management with an uncertain relationship
- Artist Pianos – wonderful instruments, welcoming, limited seating and parking
- Piano and Organ Center – good parking, welcoming
- Temple Concord – lovely space, fair piano, new to CNYAMT, worthy of further consideration
- Home Care Facilities – variable instruments, potential good audience and performance experience, community service, motivating for participants
- WCNY – wonderful instrument, good performance space, excellent recording potential, uncertain as to WCNY’s interest

Awareness – Making events know to potential interested public is a challenge.

- CNYAMT calendar
- e-mail reminders
- newsletters
- publicity
- newspapers

Level of Success

- mixed results (successes; Halloween, themes, community service)
- length of recitals
- publicity – Bernadette Kessler is developing a list of contacts and resources for getting the word out to the public, via newspapers, radio, TV stations, and community calendars.
- formality

Recording of recitals

- to be discussed at another meeting

- Banquet
 - Preparations are going well.
 - RSVPs are due on Friday, May 22, 2015.
 - There is a meeting today at Drumlins to finalize plans.
- Sunshine
 - Member, Norma DeLuccia, has lost everything in a recent fire in her Manlius Apartment. Amy Heyman will find out how we can reach out to her and help.
- Everson Piano Committee
 - It was suggested that Pat Box meet with CMM president Norma Tippet to discuss the Everson piano and the agreement with the Everson. Pat will reach out to Norma.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Positions to fill: Treasurer, Photographer, Publicity
- Board Members for 2015-16
 - Jessica Tumajyan
 - Would like to fill one more spot.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, recording secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETINGS:

Wednesday, June 3, 2015, Drumlins Country Club, 12:00 noon

Wednesday, June 10, 2015, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 9:30 a.m.