

## **CNYAMT Board Meeting, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Wednesday, September 17, 2014 9:30 a.m.**

Members present: Patricia Box, Barbara Irwin, Linda Yonteff, Phil Eisenman, Gayle Ross, Jim Vatter, Dana DiGennaro and Bernadette Kessler.

The meeting was called to order and all members were welcomed by Patricia Box, president, at 9:37 a.m.

The board meeting minutes from August 20, 2014 were presented for approval. Barb Irwin motioned to approve the minutes without correction, Phil Eisenman seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

### **Committee Chair Reports:**

- Banquet
  - Barb Irwin has made some proposed changes to the format of the annual meeting and banquet. (information sheet attached)
  - The scholarship winner's concert would be May 17, 2015 in conjunction with the vocal competition winner's concert. Scholarship awards will be presented at this concert.
  - The luncheon would be at an area restaurant (not PHP church).
  - Phil suggested that we could have the concert at WCNY's new performance space. Phil would be willing to check into it, he will contact Bill Baker.
  - Barb made a motion to set the luncheon date of June 3, 2014 at a local venue to be decided. Bernadette Kessler seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Treasurer
  - The current checking account balance is \$4,848.13.
  - Linda Yonteff and Pat Box will open a second bank account for scholarship monies.
  - \$108 was found left in the donation vase. It was confirmed that all vase money automatically goes into the scholarship account.
- Scholarship
  - The scholarship benefit concert is this Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2 pm at OCC. We hope that many members will attend.
- Membership
  - Barb Irwin would like each new member to receive a new member packet by e-mail. This packet would include a welcome letter which has been drafted by Barb, directions to access the "members only" section of the website, and a year-at-a-glance schedule of events.
  - When Jim Krehbiel receives a new member's application, he will need to e-mail pertinent information to Dana, Pat and Barb. Barb will send out the new member information. Pat will send a new member welcome to Dana for the newsletter.
  - Phil suggested that a membership committee be formed to help divide the details of the job. We will review the plans for this when Jim Krehbiel is in attendance.
- Events/Workshops
  - Jane Magrath
    - Her fee was \$1100. Syracuse University paid \$250 and Alfred paid \$300.
    - A report and updated totals of the event will be presented at the next meeting.
    - Fees collected were \$60 for teachers and \$20 per student. All college students were free.
    - The day was run very smoothly, helped by SU.
    - Attendance was slim, about 25 people attended.
    - Phil suggested that we formulate plans for upcoming workshops or events much earlier, so that we can submit a grant application to help cover costs.

- Friday morning Teacher Therapy
  - The first session is planned for September 20, 2014 at 10:00 at Artist Piano. The first meeting will be chaired by Jim Vatter and Steve Rosenfeld. Steve will choose and moderate the topic. Future locations and dates will be set at the first meeting. Jim V. will write a future blurb about meetings to submit to Dana for the newsletter.
- Instrument Petting Zoo
  - Bernadette is chairing the event, but cannot attend, so Linda will be in charge the day of the event.
  - It will take place on October 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Inspiration Hall in Syracuse.
  - Bernadette needs members to present their instruments that day. She will contact members to assist.
  - Midstate Music will supply violins.
- Quarterly Parties for members
  - These events are being planned to have an opportunity to socialize with current members and invite new members to get to know our organization. Phil will attend the first teacher therapy session to make contact and coordinate efforts.
- Syracuse University is sponsoring a flute masterclass with Rebecca Gilbert, principal flutist of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. It will take place on November 15, 2014 and is free.
- Competitions – no report
- Sponsorship
  - LeMoyne has been added as a sponsor.
  - Barb is waiting for a check from OCC who has verbally committed.
  - Artist Piano has not paid. Jim will check with JoBeth Dellinger and ask her if Steinway will also be a sponsor.
  - Barb will contact Boom Babies and Baldwinsville School of Music to be featured as a sponsor highlight. Dana will contact Robert Sharp.
- Corresponding Secretary
  - Dana will save all current minutes as a PDF on the members section of the website.
  - We need a photographer to take photos for the newsletter.
- Website
  - Pat is working to update the website with the help of MaryEllen Casey. She is trying to get a Facebook link added and the archived newsletters put on the site.
- Recitals
  - The Halloween recital on November 1, 2014, already has a few signups. There will be one recital and teachers will be limited to 10 minutes each.
- Publicity
  - Symphoria Program. Phil made a motion to spend up to \$300 on advertisements in the Symphoria program. Barb seconded the motion. Dana will contact Jon Garland to see about a non-profit discount or trade of sponsorship for a reduced price half page ad.
- Sunshine – no report
- Historian – The keeping of board meeting minutes has been clarified. Linda will keep all minutes plus attachments for the CNYAMT archives. The secretary will not keep paper copies, but will put the minutes in the member section of website, in PDF form.
- Telephone – Geraldine Izzo, Michael McClelland and Jerry Exline received mail information and a year-at-a-glance schedule.
- Everson Piano Committee
  - The Everson piano was recently assessed by Bob Lee. He recommended several thousand dollars of maintenance be done to the piano. This maintenance will need to be in the near future. CNYAMT is responsible to pay 1/3 of the expenses.

## OTHER BUSINESS

- Compensation for Accompanists
  - Barb made a motion that when we require a competition winner do a winner's performance, that we pay the accompanist's fee. It was suggested that the money needed could be quite high and we would need to set certain parameters. Much more discussion is needed, which will take place at the next meeting. The motion was tabled.
- Grants
  - Proposals for possible grants for next year
    - Commission a composer to write a piece for CNYAMT to debut at a workshop on composition. A grant writing committee is needed for this. Syracuse Sounds of Music grant applications are due on November 1, 2014.

Who needs the VOSS Sign/tri-folds/vase? Barb for the Scholarship Benefit Concert, Linda for the Petting Zoo and Barb for the Halloween recital.

Meeting adjourned 11:35.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 15, 2014, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church 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