

MINUTES -CNYAMT Zoom Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 8th, 2023 10:30am

Welcome! Kim Farrell, President

Present: Kim, Bernadette, Michelle, Phil, Laura, Barb, Mary Ellen, Gayle

Bernadette moved to approve the minutes from the September meeting. Michelle seconded.

Treasurer Report: Mary Ellen DiPietra.

1. We were hacked via a bogus check in an amount over \$8,000, but through a lot of work, even with the police department's involvement, Mary Ellen has resolved the problem. This was a huge effort. Thank you, Mary Ellen.
2. Mary Ellen printed the brochures herself, at little or no cost.
3. We are at \$-525 in our Tuition Assistance account.

Membership: Phil Eisenman: We now have 55 full members, and 5 spouses.

Calendar: Chairs, please continually check our Calendar page on the website to make corrections and updates.

Website: Chairs please continually check your page for updates

Newsletter: A notice will go out right away, for people to submit info to Joanne, for the next newsletter.

Events/Workshops/Masterclass

1. Teacher Forum: Mary Whittington 11/16/23 at 11:00am on Zoom, 01/11/24 Mary hopes to do this meeting in person at Barnes & Noble Dewitt.
2. Halloween Recital: Barb Irwin: One \$100 website donation was made for the Halloween recital. 31 students participated, and 7 teachers. Discussion took place about posting pictures of students and adding their names. Laura: We can do a Google form. Each teacher should use the form Laura will send, regarding this. Parents sign it to allow student's pictures and first name only to be posted on the website.
3. Holiday Recital: Bernadette Kessler/Beth Scott 12/02/23 9:30am-8:30pm Someone needs to do introductions for each studio.
4. Discovery Zone: Bernadette 10/28/23 canceled, 02/03/24 is the next one. Will try to get enough teachers involved for the February concert. There is still the Covid issue.
5. Community Outreach 02/10/24 at The Nottingham. There will also be a May recital also.

Fesitvals

Baroque, Classical, Sonatina Festival: Lynn Moroz – 03/09/24 at Artist Pianos

Competitions

1. Artist Piano: Amy Heyman/Ya-wei Tseng/Robbie Padilla/Bernadette 3/16/24
2. Instrumental: Dana DiGennaro/James Krehbiel -05/04/24
3. Vocal: Neva Pilgrim/Gayle Ross/Laura Enslin/Kathy Montcrieff. 05/11/24

Scholarship & Assistance

1. Merit Scholarship: Barb Irwin - requirements. The eligibility requirements are wordy. We need to meet to discuss this. Barb will try to schedule a meeting.
2. Student Lesson Tuition Assistance: Bernadette will communicate with any teacher/s who are not abiding by the deadlines for requesting Student Tuition Assistance. Mary Ellen reports that some teachers have been very lax about this.
3. Summer Camp Tuition Assistance: Bernadette
Facebook for members: Mary and Robbie. In next Newsletter, there needs to be a reminder, and encourage members to join us on Facebook.

Sunshine: Kathy Montcrieff

Historian: Open Position - Discussed what this position entails: Keeping concert programs and any info organized together by 3 years at a time

New Business

Venmo: Mary Ellen would like us to have a Venmo account for people to use as a payment option on our website. Phil moved, Michelle seconded that we have a Venmo account, so we can accept payments online. The motion passed. (This eliminates having PayPal charges.)

Revisit raising dues: More discussion will be occurring on this subject.

New Piano sign-out/return policy, committee? Still need to put together and put in writing the details of how to properly use the new piano. Bernadette will do this with Kim's help. They will make up a form for this.

By-Laws: Kim: The by-laws need examining and updating. 2013 was the last date for updating the by-laws. We will be reviewing them.

Congrats to Robbie Padilla on a fantastic Halloween Recital of his own!

Adjournment: Bernadette moved, Michelle and Barb seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12 noon.

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday February 7th, 2024 at 10:30am