

CNYAMT Board Meeting Minutes 9/15/2021

President Bernadette Kessler began the meeting at 9:30 am

Present: Mary Ellen DiPietra, Gayle Ross, Joanne Mroczek, Bernadette Kessler, Robbie Padilla, Phil Eisenman, Michelle Wilcox, Barb Irwin, and Mary Whittington.

Phil moved, Michelle seconded to approve the June 2021 minutes. Approved.

Membership report: Phil: 18 full memberships and 3 spouses. 10/1 is the deadline for renewing

or beginning membership to qualify for student scholarships, competitions, etc. (Other regulations also apply for this.)

Calendar: Joanne reports that she has secured the CNYAMT Google account (CNYAMT@gmail.com). She can now make it the email for all the other accounts for CNYAMT. Thank you, Joanne.

Website and social media: Joanne: The calendar is a live document on Google docs and can be updated in real time, instantly.

Newsletter: Joanne and Bernadette have been discussing mailing the newsletter via USPS.

However, almost every one responds to email. Discussion was about the success of the newsletter on Constant Contact and will be evaluated once our subscription with them has expired for the year. Tom House could prepare and send out postcards reasonably for special events. This would be a good way to advertise the luncheon. Mary Ellen will research options.

Recitals: Bernadette: We need to have the option to continue doing events by video format.

Robbie Padilla has proposed being reimbursed \$50 per hour for his work to put together

the virtual recitals into the form we have been using, and appreciate so much.

He usually puts in 2-2 and a half hours. We all agree that we need this as a back-up plan when live recitals are not possible. Phil moved to reimburse Robbie at the proposed rate. Gayle seconded. The motion was passed.

Friday Morning Forums: Mary Whittington will continue holding the forums even while doing her SU studies. Everyone enjoys these very much. Thanks, Mary. The next forum date is on October 8th, and the new time will be 12-1 pm.

Community Outreach: Kim will send out videos of our recitals to 4 senior care locations. This

gives CNYAMT a wide viewer range!

Vocal Master Class: CNYAMT will host a high school vocal master class on Friday, November

12th, in the early evening. The master clinician will be bass, Greg Sheppard, who will

also be a judge for CMM the next day for CMM's vocal competition. Our event is made possible by a grant from SSMA. The Masterclass will be held at St. David's Episcopal Church, Jamar Dr., in Dewitt.

Halloween Recital: Barb Irwin and Robbie will co-host this event. It will take place on 10/30 from 2-4 pm. The plan is to have the recital at the Piano and Organ Center, North Syr. If

the recital is not able to be held in person, it will be virtual. There will be a 10 minute

maximum time slot per teacher, if the event is in person.

Baroque, Classical and Sonatina Festival: The Festival will be March 12, 2022. Lynn Moroz

will be the chair.

The Piano, Vocal, and Instrumental Competitions are all on the calendar.

Scholarship & Assistance:

Senior Scholarship will be all online. Date, 5/1/2022, with deadline 2 weeks prior. Merit Scholarship is for a senior who will major in music in college.

Instrument Tuition Assistance: Application has been updated.

Piano Committee: Phil: St. David's will rent us the facility for \$15 per event- up to 3 hours.

Sponsorship: Barb has sent out letters to our sponsors, and so far received 3 back.

New Business:

Bernadette's term as president will end in June. We must find her replacement. She will still work with the incoming President.

Jane Wolfe stepped down from the board.

The Scores for Scholars sale at Artist Pianos, honoring James Lee Vatter and Jerry Exline continues till the end of September.

The Vase and Sign go to Barb for the next event.

Michelle moved and Phil seconded for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Ross, recording secretary.