

CNYAMT Board Meeting - Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Board Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 9:30am

Present: Dana DiGennaro, Amy Heyman, Linda Yonteff, Jim Vatter, Patricia Box, Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin

Patricia Box, President, welcomed new members and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the meeting minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting. Amy Heyman made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Linda Yonteff seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

- Treasurer
 - All account balances are listed on the distributed green sheet.
 - We are waiting for an Amazon smile deposit.
 - A returned check from a sponsor has been resolved.
- Membership
 - 12 members have not renewed. The following board members will contact the following members to check on their renewal status. Irina J. (Dana), Dan Horan (Jim V.), Gina Fortunato (Dana), Joann Dinoff (Gayle), Joe Davoli (Bernadette), Carolyn Pace (Bernadette), Nancy Pease (Linda), Jessie Sprole (Amy), Patti Thompson-Buechner (Amy), Kevin Moore (Amy), Adelia McGuire (Pat), Lori Mann (Pat), Erik Nillson (Pat). The board members will report at the next meeting.
- Year at a Glance
 - No updates, the calendar remains the same.
- Website update
 - Pat Box met with Andrea yesterday.
 - They are working to have better visibility on a google search. Both Andrea and Pat are working on word input to be sure that our website will come up more often. Search by instrument, event, or location, etc. Linda Yonteff would be available to help with this.
 - The database for the teachers is difficult to use. We have the free version of the database. To have a more advanced version, the cost would be \$80 a month, which is above our budget.
 - Pat looked into a free version of PayPal, for online payments, but one is not available. The cheapest version would cost 3% to use.
- Events/Workshops
 - Instrument Petting Zoo
 - The event was very successful. Great event, well attended. A few new members were involved.
 - Next year one table will suffice.
 - A Practice Toolbox of 10 Techniques for Students/with 1 student Masterclass.
 - Steve Rosenfeld will lead the workshop.
 - It will take place on November 13th. The deadline to register has been extended to November 6th.
 - 13 people have signed up already.
 - Teacher Therapy
 - The first meeting of the new year will be Friday, January 8th.
 - Violin Masterclass
 - Sarah Crocker is available on March 7th for the masterclass.
 - Pat has asked Alyssa Blount to chair, she has not responded yet. Jim Krehbiel has offered to help.

- Vocal Masterclass
 - Marcus and Kathleen Haddock will come on April 9th.
 - Gayle Ross will be the chair.
- Piano Workshop/Masterclass
 - Catherine Rollin will present a 2 hour workshop and 1 hour masterclass.
 - We could commission her to write a piece for CNYAMT for \$250 or a recital suite for \$450-500, which would include 3-4 selections.
 - Alfred publishing will be involved and would like for the title to be more regional, "Syracuse" could be used for one of the movement titles.
We can give some suggestions for the main composition title, but Alfred will present some options. "Salt City Suite" was suggested. The work will be dedicated to CNYAMT on the inside. Pat submitted ideas to Catherine Rollin.
 - We will move forward on this even if we don't get the grant. We will work to raise the money to pay for it.
 - Barb's husband can help with the historical part of this.
 - The fee for workshop and masterclass (9-12) is \$500.
 - It will take place in November of 2016, so we have a year to plan.
 - The total cost will likely be \$1000, plus expenses.
 - The Suite would be ready then, and available for sale that day.
 - Amy Heyman made a motion to move forward with the piano workshop/masterclass/commission with Catherin Rollin. \$1500 as an event total, to be spent even if we do not receive any outside funding. Jim Vatter seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
 - Bernadette made a motion that we continue with plans for the vocal/violin masterclasses, only if we receive a grant from SSMA. Linda Yonteff seconded the motion. All present were in favor.
- Barnes & Noble
 - We need people to work at the greeting table. Pat passed around the sign up form.
 - The cheesecake order form will be ready this week.
 - Pat passed out and will email a packet of information to our membership about details for B&N.
 - Pat will have lots of information available at B&N, to make our job easier.
- Recitals
 - Halloween recital
 - The recital was a success.
 - In the future we should try to avoid holding this recital the same day as the petting zoo.
 - The recital was over an hour long.
 - Custodial staff was terrific at the Liverpool Library.
 - We raised \$100 in the pumpkin vase.
- Everson
 - Pat met with staff at the Everson on October 19th, 2015.
 - Elizabeth Dunbar, President and CEO, and Sarah Massett, assistant director were present. Elizabeth led the meeting. She said that they offer us a lot of free space for events, with nothing in return. The board of the Everson is concerned about that. How can our groups help with that? Can we provide music for their events? She will be in contact with what we can provide.
 - We have added them as a sponsor on our website.
 - Please friend them on Facebook, and help to promote their events.
 - Always thank the Everson for the use of their space in our programs.

- The Everson will be remodeling areas of the auditorium, so at that time the pianos will have to be moved.
- We will work to collaborate for now, but the future is unknown.
- We will meet with the Everson representatives once a year.
- We have a commitment of all of our dates this year. Jim Vatter will confirm.
- It was nice that we could get together, and put some faces with names.
- Community Outreach
 - Jessica Tumajyan only has 15 minutes of her students plus Dana's students for the Oaks recital. Dana will send out a reminder to members.
- Sponsorship
 - The check from OCC is in.
- Luncheon
 - Will take place on June 1st at Drumlins.
 - Barb would like the board to think about changing the luncheon date to a "kick-off" event in the fall. This would be a way to get members excited for the new year.
- Grant
 - A grant application to Syracuse Sounds of Music was submitted on October 27.
 - We will know the results in December.
- Publicity
 - School musical ads are completed for CNS and JD.
- Historian
 - Linda just prepared a page for the website with some CNYAMT history.
 - Please be sure to send programs, etc. to Linda for the archives.
- OTHER BUSINESS
 - Amy Heyman needs the vase/sign for the next recital at the Everson.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

The next board meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 9:30, PHPC