

CNYAMT Board Meeting June 9, 2021 minutes

Meeting called to order by President Bernadette Kessler at 9:30 am

Present: Bernadette, Barb Irwin, Mary Ellen DiPietra, Gayle Ross, Mary Whittington, Michelle Wilcox, Kim Farrell, JoAnne Mroczek, Phil Eisenman.

April meeting minutes: Mary Ellen moved to approve, Michelle seconded. Approved

**Treasurer's report:** As of June 9th, \$2215 has been donated to the James Lee Vatter memorial fund. It will be decided how to use the funds: Perhaps in monetary assistance to students needing to purchase a piano or flute. A draft document would be needed to apply for this funding. A recommendation from the student's teacher would be required. Kim will create a document.

**Membership:** A suggestion was made to invite non-renewed members to the September luncheon at Drumlins.

**Calendar:** Dates for events should be secured and submitted to Joanne early.

**Newsletter:** Dana is retiring from creating the Newsletters. Joanne will take this over. Thank you, Joanne!! There will be an August Newsletter.

**Friday Forums:** There is now a page on the website for Friday Forums. Forums will continue through the summer. Pat DeAngelis will be this month's special guest.

**Community Outreach:** Kim is looking into the possibility of an outdoor recital at Maple Downs, in August. Date to be decided. The May virtual recital was great.

**Vocal Masterclass:** The High School Vocal Masterclass will take place on the weekend of November 12th, in cooperation with CMM. Next step: secure a clinician and venue.

**September Member Brunch:** The September 15th Brunch will be held at Drumlins, at 10:30 am. Scores for Scholars may take place then. New Board members will be elected at that time. Mary is willing to collect "pandemic stories" to be shared at the brunch.

#### **Festivals:**

The Baroque, Classical and Sonatina Festival chaired by James Vatter and Lynn Moroz was a huge success. 30-some students of 6 teachers participated. Dates are being considered for next year. Lynn will continue to chair the event. Thank you Lynn.

**Competitions:** The Competition Committee will meet this summer to update and coordinate fees, awards, etc.

Piano competition report: The competition was entirely virtual. High honors medals were awarded for the Elementary division. The cash awards were updated in coordination with the Instrumental Competition Awards. Both application and payment will be online for next year.

Instrumental Competition: Virtual event this year. The committee would like to add a third division. In the future, the competition application and payment to enter will be completely virtual. The event ended \$50 in the black.

Vocal Competition: Entire event was live. Judging took place at OCC. The recital was at Fayetteville United Methodist Church with Sabine accompanying both events. Laura Enslin was on hand at the competition, and was a great help. Financially, the competition was much more self sustaining than in previous years, with \$850 in donations and \$90 in the vase. The names of the donors to the Vocal Competition will appear on the website.

#### **Scholarship and Tuition Assistance:**

Senior Scholarship: Dana reported that there were 4 entrants. Both winners were in the Vocal category with first place winner awarded \$1,000, and the second winner, \$500.

Lesson Tuition Assistance: Both the fall and spring semesters offered \$1500 in tuition assistance for students of our member teachers. 4 students and 3 teachers participated in the first semester, for 49 total lessons. 3 students and 3 teachers participated in the second semester, for 55 lessons so far. We will still have \$1,000 left in the account. Some families may not need the assistance in the future, because their economic situations may be improved. The program will be evaluated on an ongoing basis.

Summer Music Camp Tuition Assistance: There are two applicants for consideration.

**Grants:** Syracuse Sounds of Music Association has been a wonderful support, awarding us grants this year for the Summer Camp & Lesson Tuition Programs and the Vocal Masterclass.

**Sponsorship:** Barb reminded us that September is the month for the Sponsorship drive. Sponsors names scroll on the CNYAMT website.

### **New Business**

Committee for President Elect: Bernadette is slowing herself down in the position of president, and desires a true search for candidates who could take on the mantle of President. She is updating her job description.

Adjournment: Kim moved. Michelle seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.