

CNYAMT Board Meeting Minutes- NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2020 9:30am

Present: *Bernadette Kessler, Barb Irwin, Deb Guarneiri, Mary Ellen DiPietra, Phil Eisenman, Gayle Ross*

Meeting start time: 9:37 AM

Correct and Approve Minutes from November 13 meeting

Approved: *Barb Irwin*

Seconded: *Gayle Ross*

Treasurer Report: *Mary Ellen DiPietra – report attached*

Regular Account Balance: \$8,076.06

Scholarship Account Balance: \$13,042.

Edward Jones: \$16,001.34 November, \$16,259.23 December

Amazon Smile: \$39.70 this quarter, YTD total \$56.93

SSMA Grant received: \$3000.00

Membership: *Phil Eisenmann*

New Members: 0 Total Members: 90 Active: 62 Spouse: 4 Honorary: 24

Phil and Joanne are working on the website database to make it more user-friendly. The member list is being updated, and a spreadsheet created for Phil and Mary Ellen to update.

Calendar:

Lisa Zippi: Confirmed date of April 30, 2020, 6:30, at Brookdale, Liverpool.

Website:

Group pictures from Barnes & Noble needed for the website. Send to bckessler@twcny.rr.com

Newsletter:

135 people receive the Newsletter. Dana is doing a great job!

Events:

- *Barnes & Noble Bookfair: Dec.6-12, 2019*
20 teachers and 216 students participated. \$100 vase money collected for Scholarship.
The piano was great and the B&N staff was very helpful.
Items to review for next year include:
 - ~ *Table placement & a banner displayed on the front of the table.*
 - ~ *Placing a diagram of the performance space for teachers to follow for re-setting the area.*
 - ~ *A reminder to include which sales count towards the total earned. This year, online sales did not count.*
 - ~ *Parking at peak times is difficult.*
 - ~ *Discrepancy between café pre-order form & the event order form.*
 - ~ *Inconsistent store hours displayed online, by telephone, and at the B&N website.*
- *Instrument Discovery Zone: Feb. 8.*
Participant signed up: Lee Turner, Deb Guarneiri, Michelle Wilcox, Bernadette Kessler
- *Community Outreach:*
Feb. 14: Kim Farrell: Maple Downs, 4-5 pm
April 30: Lisa Zippi: Brookdale, 6:30-7:30 pm
- *Workshops/ Masterclasses:*
String Community Workshop & Masterclass: March 7: Michelle Wilcox
 - ~ *Clinicians and Speakers: Thomas McAvaney (violin, viola), Zachary Sweet (cello)*
Meghan O'Keefe (violin), Carrie Reuning-Hummel (Guest Speaker)
 - ~ *Registration is open to all teachers and students, both members and non-members.*
 - ~ *Workshop options include a masterclass, group class, teacher observer, and parent discussion group, and play-in.*
Planning for next year includes the possibility of a flute or voice master class?
- *Music Marathon:*
March 28: Bernadette Kessler: Piano & Organ Center, 10:00 am-6:00 pm
Participants signed up: James Lee Vatter, Lynn Moroz, Ida Trebicka, Bernadette Kessler

Recitals: No report

Festivals

- Baroque, Classical, & Sonatina Piano Festival
March 21: James Vatter & Lynn Moroz, Artist Pianos

Competitions:

- Piano - Amy Heyman – *Suggestions welcomed for judges.*
- Instrumental - Dana DiGennaro – *Will Knuth from SU (strings), working on hiring wind judge*
- Vocal: Neva Pilgrim, Patti Thompson Buechner, Gayle Ross – *in process of securing judges*

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Program:

- Sr. Scholarship: Dana DiGennaro: *working on hiring a judge*
- Sr. Merit: Barb Irwin: *May 1st deadline discussed & upheld.*
- Summer Camp Tuition Assistance: B. Kessler
SSMA has awarded CNYAMT a grant for \$3000 to be applied toward the String Community Workshop and Summer Camp Tuition Assistance Fund.

Piano Committee: Phil Eisenmann

Horizons Inclusion Committee: Deb Guarneiri: *No updates*

Grants:

Deb Guarneiri willing to investigate finding a professional grant writer for CNYAMT. Eventually there will be a need for a grant administrator from our organization to monitor distribution of money. A grant writer can define goals and suitable grants for our organization. Bernadette will email By-Laws to the Board members.

Sponsorship: Barb Irwin:

Sponsor list and website logos will be updated. Underwriters include Artist Pianos, Piano & Organ Center, Hosmer Violins, and Onondaga Community College.

Corresponding Secretary: *The President has assumed this responsibility- a volunteer is needed.*

Sunshine: Suzanne Sweeney

*Three sympathy cards were sent: James Vatter, Michelle Wilcox, Beth Scott
Discussion for members to let Suzanne know as needed.*

Publicity:

The board voted to place a ½ page \$50 ad in the LeMoyne program for the New York Voices Concert on November 7, 2020.

Onondaga Historical Society:

We received a thank you note from them for the \$300 donation for storing our historical files from 1931 to present.

OTHER BUSINESS

Meeting Locations:

Discussion on changing the Board Meeting location to a more central location if necessary.

Music at the Mall:

Discussion of Destiny for fundraising event in the future. Artist Pianos has offered to supply a piano and Bernadette will look into possibilities.

Committee for CNYAMT President 2020-2023:

Bernadette's term as President ends in June, 2020.

Voss sign/vase: Community Outreach, Feb. 14, Kim Farrell

Adjournment: 11:27 am

Motion: Deb Guarneiri

Seconded: Barb Irwin