

CNYAMT Board Meeting Minutes- NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019 9:30am

Present: *Bernadette Kessler, Barbara Irwin, Mary Ellen DiPietra, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman, Lisa Zippi, Michelle Wilcox*

Meeting start time: *9:35 am*

Correct and Approve Minutes from Jan. 9 meeting

Approved: *Lisa Zippi* Seconded: *Phil Eisenman*

Treasurer Report: *Mary Ellen DiPietra – report attached*

Membership: *Phil Eisenmann*

New Members: *0* Total Members: *86* Active: *58* Spouse: *4* Honorary: *24*

Calendar: *New event listed: Fri. Feb. 14, 4 pm Community Outreach, Maple Downs, Kim Farrell*

Website: *Updated. Phil is working with Joanne Mrocyz to keep updating and simplifying usage of the data base. A Google document is being created with list of current members & their information from a link on the website. The teacher search will remain the same.*

Events:

Barnes & Noble Bookfair: *Dec. Dec.6-12, 2019*

There are 21 Studio performing: Dec. 6-3-7:30pm; Dec.7-9:15-6:30pm; Dec.8-1-3:00pm. Thanks to Artist Pianos for supplying the Everett acoustic piano. We still have time slots available for more studios. We are now booking volunteer times to man the information-greeting table. Teachers, parents, & students are all welcome to participate! Students can earn participation credit or community service hours. The website has been updated with vouchers, the schedule, café order form, and parent letter.

Instrument Discovery Zone: *Oct. 26: 5 teachers & 3 student assistants participated. Very successful event and looking forward to the next one on Feb. 8.*

Community Outreach: *Maple Downs, Fayetteville, has sent a wonderful thank you note and requested looking forward to another recital. Kim Farrell has booked a Valentine's Day concert for Feb. 14, at 4 pm. Also, Lisa Zippi is planning another performance at Brookdale, Liverpool in April. Further details to be announced.*

Workshops/ Masterclasses:

Suzuki String Community Workshop & Masterclass: March 7: Michelle Wilcox Michelle is putting together the brochure and will work with Joanne Morocyz to have online registration on the website. Clinicians and accompanists are confirmed and "Save the Date" email blast has been sent.

Recitals

Halloween Recital: *Barbara Irwin*

Very successful recital at the Piano and Organ Center. Beautiful Halloween decorations by Jane Wolfe. 9 teachers and 43 students participated. Vase donations totaled \$135.00. It was discussed to have to back-to-back recitals next year to accommodate seating and concert flow.

Festivals

- *Baroque, Classical, & Sonatina Piano Festival: Jim Vatter: No Report.*

Competitions: *All website information updated.*

- *Piano - Amy Heyman*
- *Instrumental - Dana DiGennaro*
- *Vocal: Neva Pilgrim, Patti Thompson Buechner, Gayle Ross*

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Program: *All information updated.*

- Sr. Scholarship: Dana DiGennaro
- Sr. Merit: Barb Irwin
- Summer Camp Tuition Assistance: B. Kessler

Grants: *Bernadette has submitted a grant to the Syracuse Sounds of Music Association for the Summer Camp Tuition Program and Suzuki String Community Workshop and Masterclass. Thanks to Barb Irwin, Phil Eisenman and Mary Ellen DiPietra for their collaboration. Applicants will be notified in early December.*

Piano Committee: Phil Eisenmann

Our pianos at Park Central Church and St. David's Episcopal Church continue to be put to wonderful use for recitals and competitions.

Horizons Inclusion Committee: Deb Guarneiri: *No report.*

Sponsorship: Barb Irwin:

2019-2020 sponsor: Artist Pianos, Edward Jones, Le Moyne College, Voss Signs, Piano and Organ Center, Bradley's Jeweler's, Carney & Blumer, Riverview Music Studios, Onondaga Community College, Syracuse Sounds of Music Association.

Corresponding Secretary: *No activity.*

Sunshine: *No activity.*

Publicity: *The Highlights Brochure is printed and being distributed at all events.*

Historian: Onondaga Historical Society

Barb Irwin initiated a discussion on a reasonable amount for a one-time donation OHS for storage of our archives. Barb proposed a \$300.00 donation. Motion was 2nd by Gayle Ross.

OTHER BUSINESS

NSEA Food Drive Donation: *Bernadette reminded the Board that CNYAMT does not pay a rental fee for use of a meeting room at NSEA building for our Board Meetings. In lieu of this, she proposed we make a donation to the annual food drive of \$100.00. Phil 2nd the motion.*

Committee for CNYAMT President 2020-2023:

Bernadette's term as President ends in June, 2020. Possible nominees must be submitted as soon as possible.

Voss sign/vase: Barnes and Noble

Adjournment: 11:12 a.m.

Motion: Barb Irwin

Seconded: Michelle Wilcox