

CNYAMT Board Meeting - NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, September 7, 2016, 9:30am

Present: Patricia Box, Bernadette Kessler, James Krehbiel, Barbara Irwin, Dana DiGennaro, James Lee Vatter, Phil Eisenman, Gayle Ross, Mary Ellen DiPeitra, Jessica Tumajyan

Patricia Box, president, called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. and welcomed members.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the minutes from our June 8, 2016 meeting. Patricia Box, corrected one item: 25 members renewed, not 26. Phil Eisenman made a motion to approve the minutes, with one correction. Jim Krehbiel seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Patricia Box announced that CNYAMT board member Irwin Goldberg took a new job at SU, so will not be able to be a member of the board this year. We will ask him to be a member of the board next year, when he will be available to attend meetings. We are fine with 10 board members, per the bylaws.

Treasurer Report – Mary Ellen DiPietra

- Regular checking balance - \$6,321.62
- Scholarship checking balance - \$2,678.37
- Amazon Smile deposit - \$12.38
- Edward Jones up slightly - \$12,933.81
- Lincoln Annuity - \$17,312.90

Mary Ellen presented a proposed budget for 2016-2017

- Jim Vatter made some budget projections for the Baroque Bash and Sonatina Festival, which were added to the proposed budget.

- Discussion about several headings ensued. Mary Ellen will make the appropriate changes and mark them in red.

- Jim Vatter made a motion to approve the budget with the changes suggested. Barb Irwin seconded the motion. The proposed budget was accepted by all present.

Membership

- 13 members have not renewed at this time. If all renew we will have 83 active, 6 auxiliary, and 13 honorary members.

- Board members have been assigned to contact all non-renewing members.

- New members Jenni Foutch, Andy Russo, Lana Stafford, and Anthony DeAngelis.

Year at a Glance confirmation

- We have eliminated two board meetings from the yearly schedule. (October 12 and May 10)

Website update

- You can now pay for membership and update forms online.

- Pat showed us the updated website, where we can join or renew online. Money goes to our paypal account. Should we charge a fee \$1.50 to cover the fees we are paying for online paying? Not yet decided.

- Pat is working on getting all forms to be online fillable, and to be able to pay online for all activities. Dana mentioned the trouble she has with the website, regarding cookies? Pat will put a blurb in the newsletter to help people understand that cookies must be enabled to use the teacher search.

CNYAMT Logo/Trifold

- Andrea Woodbury will charge \$225 to improve the logo, this has been approved by the board. The trifold is updated. Pat passed it around to check the details of each event. Pat will order 100 copies for distribution.

Scholarship

Pat has received only one thank you note from our scholarship recipients.

There was a discussion about memorization for the scholarship competition. Dana will send a proposal to the competition committee.

Competitions

We need to add a statement to the scholarship competition application, about what will happen when only one person applies for the competition.

Pat needs updated forms from Amy Heyman for all competitions. Neva Pilgrim will prepare the vocal forms.

Events/Workshops

Technology - September 23, 2016, 10:30 -12:00 at Pat's house.

Instrument Petting Zoo - Oct. 29, 10:00, Bernadette Kessler, chair.

Gayle Ross will demonstrate cello.

Bernadette will contact teachers to help out that day. Or teachers might have students to volunteer for community service hours.

Catherine Rollin Workshop/Student Festival - November 5, 2016 at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church.

Expenses will total about \$1926, plus refreshments. Airfare \$298. \$1447 from the grant will be available to use for the class. The workshop will need a budget of about \$2000. There may be some income, but that is unsure at this time. Pat made a motion that the Catherine Rollin budget be \$2000, with \$1447 coming from the grant. The remainder would come from the general fund. Phil Eisenman seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Phil Eisenman called the question, all present were in favor.

Pat is already receiving applications. The new Suite will be performed at the class by competition winners from last spring.

Suzuki play-in

The date has been changed to February 11, 2017.

Tina Oyer-Ponce will be the chairperson.

Recitals

Halloween recital will be at 1:00 on Saturday, October 29, 2016.

Community Outreach

The dates have been confirmed for November 17, 2016 at the Oaks and April 16, 2017 at the Hearth at Greenpoint.

Sponsorship

Barb Irwin has suggested that a new sponsorship drive be moved to September.

She would like for sponsors to be able to pay online for next year.

Grants

How can we affiliate with CNYarts? New member Jenni Foutch asked to have lesson funds from a grant through CNYAMT paid through CNYAMT. Pat will investigate.

Can we apply for a CNYarts grant?

Everson Piano Committee

The work on the Everson pianos has been completed and they are in fine shape!

CMM has formed a committee to look at venues for the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Future CNYAMT President

Pat is in her third year, and will be stepping down soon. She is looking for someone to start “training” to be our next president. We need to get to work to get some of the president’s job covered by others to put less pressure on the incoming president.

We need a nominating committee. Phil Eisenman and Gayle Ross will investigate the idea of a nominating committee. They need a specific list of what we need and what we might need, as soon as possible. Phil and Gayle will meet with Pat to make of a list of what is needed.

We have cancelled the October 12, 2016 board meeting. The fall get-together has also been cancelled.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

The next board meeting is Wednesday, November 2, 2016, 9:30, NSEA