

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Zoom Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 9:30am

Welcome members: Bernadette Kessler, President

Present: Rob Padilla, Kim Farrell, Jane Wolfe, Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman, Barb Irwin, Joanne Mroczek,
Mary Ellen DiPietra

Approve Minutes from April meeting: Motion: Mary Ellen Second: Barb

Treasurer Report: Mary Ellen DiPietra

- Mary Ellen gave the summary report for June, July & August.
-Revisions: remove \$100 Website Maintenance under June Debits
- Note first Amazon Smile deposit for this fiscal year - \$49.81
- A discussion followed regarding Zoom membership. For now our Zoom meetings will remain as they have been, thanks to Joanne.
- Mary Ellen presented the proposed budget for 2020-2021.
Motion: Phil Eisenman Seconded: Gayle Ross

Membership: Phil Eisenmann

- Phil presented the current membership numbers: 24 active members, 4 spouses.
- Discussion on Retired Membership Category added to membership: Retired members would receive the Newsletter and have the benefit of attending the Luncheon, paying \$15 at the door.
Motion: Phil Eisenman Seconded: Barb Irwin Motion passed.
- Phil made a motion that the Board will determine the names on the list of Honorary Members. This will be done after affirming the names of people already on the list and desire to remain on the list with an annual review. Seconded: Gayle Ross. Motion passed.

Calendar: 2020-21 Schedules: Check the website for updates to the Year at a Glance calendar.

- Symphoria Instrument Discovery Zone: As of now, there are no live concerts scheduled for this season. We will be notified with updates to the schedule.
- The Piano Competitions are now booked at Park Central
- The Piano Festival has been scheduled at Artists Pianos in March.
- Bernadette announced that the following people wish to be volunteers for some CNYAMT activities: Josephine Federico, Rosalie Spitzer (photography), and Tina Toglia

Website: Joanne Mroczek – Joanne is keeping the calendar updated regularly. She is also helping set up and conduct our Zoom meetings. Please notify her of any date changes/cancellations.

Newsletter: Dana DiGennaro will continue to do the Newsletter as needed, usually every other month. Email blasts are sent to membership as needed.

Events/Workshops/Recitals:

- Teacher Forum on Zoom: Mary Whittington. Email any ideas for future forums to Bernadette.
Last one was well attended.
- Instrument Discovery Zone Cancelled
- Halloween Recital:
Barb Irwin opened a great discussion regarding the Halloween Recital. It is suggested that each student performer prepare a video of his or her performance piece. Robbie is willing to be the technical Artistic Director, with Kim's assistance. They will receive the videos, collecting them, making sure each one is indeed ready to be processed and put together (the videos must be of good fidelity, etc.). A parental release form will be needed in order to allow

CNYAMT to present a child's performance on YouTube. Joanne Mroczek will be the overall Technical Director. This should be a fun and rewarding experience for everyone.

- Vocal Masterclass: Postponed to 2021-2022
- Baroque Classical & Sonatina Festival will take place regardless of Covid19 status. Guidelines and updates to be posted on the website.
- Competitions: All competitions have been scheduled.
- Luncheon: Drumlins will be closing in two weeks and will be sold at the end of the year. A new company is taking over the catering. Our luncheon date of 6/2/21 has been reserved with no deposit as of this time. Our current \$150 deposit from this year will expire as of 1/1/21. Barb is going to explore using the \$150 to buy items at Drumlins before it closes. They can perhaps be used in baskets at the next luncheon.

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance

- Sr. Scholarship: Dana DiGennaro –all set.
- Merit Scholarship: Barb Irwin will collect applications
- Summer Lesson Tuition Assistance: 5 teachers received summer lesson tuition assistance for 7 students. The families and students were extremely grateful for this help with several writing heartfelt thank you notes. SSMA Summer Camp Assistance Grant was repurposed to fund this program.
- Student Lesson Tuition Assistance: new category discussed and approved. We have some money available for any applicants and will add this to our annual SSMA grant request for the coming year. We will also have a donation button on PayPal for anyone wishing to make a donation to this program.

Piano Committee: Phil Eisenman – no report

Grants: Deb Guarneiri – Deb will no longer be on our Board due to her busy schedule. She will remain an active member of CNYAMT assisting with the Symphoria Instrument Discovery Zone.

Sponsorship: Barb Irwin – Drive is starting this month. Emails will go out with follow-up phone calls. Question about whether Red House is interested in being a sponsor.

Publicity: Joanne Moroczek will keep Instagram & Facebook accounts up-to-date.

Sunshine: Suzanne Sweeney sends out cards and notes and donates her supplies and postage. Thank you, Suzanne for your invaluable work!

OTHER BUSINESS

President Elect 2020-2023 – open position

Adjournment: Motion: Kim Farell Second: Jane Wolfe
Adjournment: 11:05 AM.

Next Meeting: November 13, 2020, 9:30 AM – Zoom