

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Minutes for Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 9:30 am

Present: Patricia Box, Dana DiGennaro, Linda Yonteff, Barbara Irwin, Bernadette Kessler, Jessica Tumajyan, and Gayle Ross

Patricia Box, president, welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the minutes from the November 4, 2015 board meeting. Barb Irwin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Linda Yonteff seconded the motion. All present were in favor of approving the minutes as presented.

Treasurer

The Edward Jones account is down due to losses in the stock market.
Treasurer fees for Nov/Dec are \$80. (Only for bill paying and computer accounting time.)
We have 2 outstanding checks from 2015.
Joshua McKenna - \$75, Jeremy Park - \$35, from the 2015 piano competitions.
Our checking account balance is \$9,975.14.
The Scholarship fund checking account balance is \$2,692.28.
The recent Amazon Smile deposit was \$8.71.

Membership

Board members contacted members who have not yet renewed.
Lori Mann has renewed.
Nancy Pease and Jesse Sprole will not renew. Dana will remove them from the mailing list.
Many people have requested to pay online.
Pat will ask Andrea (website person) to make this happen as soon as possible.
We need a new membership chairperson, someone who will advocate for new members.

Year at a Glance Calendar

Pat has updated the calendar on the website.
March 4, will be an improvisation class with Alina Plourde.
March 7, will be an advanced violin masterclass with Sarah Crocker.
April 9, will be a vocal masterclass with Marcus Haddock.

Grant

A \$2,000.00 grant was awarded to CNYAMT from the Syracuse Sounds of Music.
The grant will be used for the vocal/violin/piano masterclasses.
We need a grant chairperson, Jessica has volunteered to do this.
We need to advertise for Syracuse Sounds of Music. All publicity for sponsored events should list them as a donor in the program.
We need to ask our sponsor from Edward Jones to sponsor an upcoming event.

Events/Workshops

Barnes & Noble

Over 250 wonderful students participated.
The only expense was piano moving
The total money raised from the event was \$4,689.88.
Much of the success was from the people who worked the entrance table, engaging customers and giving them CNYAMT vouchers.
Barnes and Noble was complimentary of our plan and its success.
We passed out many CNYAMT brochures.

Pat would like to try a small snapshot of the schedule on the back of each voucher next year. That way people who are shopping would know when to listen to specific studio, throughout the event.

Next year's event has been set for December 2-4, 2016.

Suzuki Play-In

This event will take place on January 30, 2016.

Much of the event has been changed, because of lack of help.

The event will be a 1½ hour class and recital.

Music Improvisation Workshop

This event will take place on March 4, 2016 from 10-12:00 noon.

CNYAMT Member, Alina Plourde, will lead the event.

It will be free of charge.

Members must RSVP, more info is on the website.

Violin Masterclass

This event will take place on March 7, 2016, with Sarah Crocker, violin.

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Alyssa Blount is chairing the event, with help from Jim Krehbiel.

Sarah's fee is \$250.

The accompanist fee is \$100.

It will take place at the DeWitt Community Church. The venue fee is \$100.

A \$25 fee will be charged for performers. (Advanced violin students.)

Free of charge for auditors, but donations will be accepted.

Piano Competitions

Will take place on February 27 and March 5, 2016.

Preparations are going well.

The competition committee worked on getting the cost down, with donation of the prize money from Artist Pianos.

Music at the Mall

This event will take place on April 2, 2016.

Our event is still welcomed at Great Northern Mall.

The Piano and Organ Center is no longer in the mall, but they will still bring in a piano for us to use at their cost.

The Piano and Organ Center will also provide chairs for us to use at the mall, but we will have to set them up.

The Piano and Organ Center proposed that they give a \$500 donation to the scholarship fund, if we hold it at their new store. Plus, they will give a \$5 voucher to the store to each student who participates.

People voiced concerns that if we relocate from the mall, we would lose the community aspect of the performance.

Benefits of the location would be that we would be a nice contained space, with no set up or piano tuning required. There is also a kitchen available.

Would we still charge \$5 per student for participation? If we skip this, then Bernadette would announce that donations were accepted.

It was voted that we hold this year's event at the Piano and Organ Center. The event will now need a new name.

Gayle made a motion to eliminate the \$5 fee. Barb seconded the motion. All were in favor. There will be no fee, but donations gladly accepted.

Vocal Masterclass

Will take place on April 9, 2016.

Gayle Ross will be the chairperson.

She is working on the location, possibly at OCC.

Piano Workshop/Masterclass

With Catherine Rollin will take place in early November, 2016.
November 5th, will be the first choice. Pat will check on Catherine's availability
November 12th is also an option, and will be the second choice.

Recitals

Animal Themed

This recital, scheduled at Artist Pianos on January 16th, has been cancelled.
In the future, we need to be sure that a reminder is sent out two weeks before the
registration date.

Everson Recital

Two recitals are scheduled on February 6, 2016, at 1:30 & 3:00.
Ida Trebicka can no longer chair this recital.
John Spradling will chair it, if we have this recital.
This recital is a good warmup for upcoming competitions.
Should we cancel these Everson recitals, if we have a consistent lack of participation?

Community Outreach,

A recital will take place at The Hearth at Greenpoint on April 16, 2016 at 1:15.
Jessica will take over the planning of this recital.

Corresponding Secretary

We just paid the bill for Constant Contact.
The next newsletter will be March 1, 2016.

Publicity

School musical ads have been placed in Liverpool and Fayetteville-Manlius programs this
month.

Website

We still need to work on the teacher data base.
Pat is talking to a friend to try to improve this.

Sunshine

We will ask Suzanne Sweeney to send a card to John Ferrara, who lost his father.

Historian

Linda will add a new history report to the website.

OTHER BUSINESS

Jessica needs the sign/vase for the Suzuki Play-In.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17.

**The next board meeting is Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 9:30 a.m., PHPC. PLEASE NOTE THE
CHANGE OF DATE. "Self-Check-Up" topic will be: Membership, Meeting Location**