

CNYAMT Board Meeting Minutes- NSEA 210 South Main Street, North Syracuse

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020 9:30am

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

Meeting start time: 9:33 AM

Correct and Approve Minutes from November 13 meeting

Approved: *Phil Eisenman* Seconded: *Michelle Wilcox*

Treasurer Report: Mary Ellen DiPietra – *report attached*

Regular Account Balance: \$7,951.06

Scholarship Account Balance: \$13,922.89

Edward Jones: \$16,273.94

Amazon Smile: YTD total \$ 56.93

Membership: Phil Eisenmann

Total Members: 84 New Members: 1 Active: 62 Spouse: 4 Retired: 15

Joanne and Phil are working on making searches easier for members to use on the website.

Calendar: *Update: Instrument Discovery Zone date changed to March 21st, 10-10:30 a.m.*

Website: *New page added for Community Outreach with pictures.*

Newletter: *Next issue March 1st.*

Events:

- Barnes & Noble Bookfair: *Dec.6-12, 2019*
20 teachers and 216 students participated. \$100 vase money collected for Scholarship. Total net: \$490.00 - \$780 income -\$290 piano movers.

Discussion about whether to continue with this event:

- ~ *Pros: public awareness for CNYAMT, performance opportunity for studios, camaraderie, shopping & socializing opportunity.*
- ~ *Cons: no storage area for coats & cases, low earning percentage of sales, discrepancies between pre-order & fundraiser week café order form, no online sales, management communication, expenses verses proceeds is too high, low dollar results do not reflect effort of chairs and teachers in preparation, organization, and time expenditure for event.*

Discussion to continue on alternative site and/or fundraising ideas in place of B&N.

- Instrument Discovery Zone: *Feb. 8.*
 - ~ *Teachers: Michelle Wilcox (strgs), Deb Guarneiri (ukes), Rich Shaffer (brass), Gayle Ross (cello), Maiya Fitzgibbons (flute), Lisa Fitzgibbons (photos).*
 - ~ *New date for next IDZ: March 21st.*

- Community Outreach:

Feb. 14: Kim Farrell: Maple Downs, 4-5 pm

Studios: Kim Farrell, Gayle Ross, Amy Heyman, Pat DeAngelis 7 students

April 30th: 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: ongoing now and one has used PayPal to register/pay. Clinicians are ready to go!*

- Music Marathon:

March 28: Bernadette Kessler: Piano & Organ Center, 10:00 am-6:00 pm

Studios: B. Kessler, John Ferrara, Barb Irwin, Gayle Ross, Pat DeAngelis

Schedule will include ½ hour recital of 2019 Camp Winners.

Recitals: No report

Festivals

- Baroque, Classical, & Sonatina Piano Festival

March 21: James Vatter & Lynn Moroz, Artist Pianos

Judge: Rachael Hidlay, Ithaca, NY

*6 teachers participating: Amy Heyman, Mary Whittington, Jim Vatter, Lyn Moroz, Susan Crocker,
Bernadette Kessler*

Competitions:

- Piano - Amy Heyman

Judges: Elem/Jr: Margaret Reitz & Bonnie Choi, Interm/Sr: Gary Fisher & Jacob Ertl

- Instrumental - Dana DiGennaro

Judges: Will Knuth from SU (strings), Jessica King (woodwinds)

- Vocal: Neva Pilgrim, Patti Thompson Buechner, Gayle Ross

~ *Judges: Dr. Lisa Miller, Jonathan Howell.*

~ *Email blast will go out at the beginning of March*

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Program:

- Sr. Scholarship: Dana DiGennaro: Grant Cooper, judge

- Sr. Merit: Barb Irwin:

- Summer Camp Tuition Assistance: B. Kessler

~ *Website page has links to websites with lists of state and international camp offerings.*

Piano Committee: Phil Eisenmann: *No updates.*

Horizons Inclusion Committee: Deb Guarneiri: *No updates*

Grants: Deb Guarneiri: *Handout: "Should Your Nonprofit Hire a Professional Grant Writer?"*

Deb will make contact with Jim Van Arsdale, Moravia NY. His website is Perform for Purpose.

Sponsorship: Barb Irwin: *Possible new sponsor: Red House (Rock Camp)*

Sunshine: Suzanne Sweeney: *Sympathy card to David and Heidi Kovarik.*

Publicity: *Ad for Liverpool High School*

Onondaga Historical Society: *No updates.*

OTHER BUSINESS

NYSMTA Conference 2020: Oct. 17, Schenectady Community College, Jeremy Siskind(Artist/Clinician)

Committee for President Elect 2020-2023

Future Board Member suggestions: Discussion tabled.

Voss sign/vase: Community Outreach: Kim Farrell

Adjournment: 11:20 am

Motion: Gayle Ross

Seconded: Phil Eisenman