

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Zoom Meeting **Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:30am**

Welcome members: Bernadette Kessler, President

Present: *Gayle Ross, Phil Eisenman, Barb Irwin, Joanne Mroczek, Michelle Wilcox, Neva Pilgrim, Beth Scott, Mary Ellen DiPietra*

Approve Minutes from January meeting: *Motion to approve: Michelle Seconded: Phil*

Treasurer Report: Mary Ellen DiPietra: *Attached Motion to approve: Phil Seconded: Gayle*

Membership: Phil Eisenmann:

Jessica & Edgar Tumajyan renewed full & spouse membership. To date, 88 total members.

Calendar Updates:

Many events cancelled or postponed. Check the website for updates.

Website: Joanne Mroczek

Joanne is keeping the calendar updated regularly. She is also helping set up and conduct our Zoom meetings.

Newsletter: Dana DiGennaro

A newsletter will be coming out by May 1st. Please submit articles by April 18th.

Dana has been sending out email blasts for cancellations, postponements, etc.

Events/Workshops/Masterclasses

- Barnes and Noble: Beth Scott:
The kids love this event but it is not a valuable fundraiser. Parents and friends spend money at B&N in support of CNYAMT, but proceeds are smaller each year. Other venues and all ideas are being considered for a holiday public performance. Suggestions included Shopping Town Mall, Driver's Village, Syracuse Marriot, Great Northern Mall, Raymour & Flanagan, and the Nottingham. Destiny does not appear to be a good venue due to the noise level. Discussion is tabled for now and a sub-committee meeting will be scheduled for further discussion. Email Beth if you are willing to look into venue suggestions or ideas.
- Instrument Discovery Zone: B. Kessler
Symphoria Kids Concerts are cancelled for the season. We have dates for next year's schedule.
- Community Outreach: Lisa Zippi & Kim Farrell
Postponed or cancelled. Watch the calendar for updates.
- String Community Masterclass & Workshop: March 7: Michelle Wilcox
Guest Clinicians presented classes, play-ins, lectures, and a parent session. Feedback from parents and students was that everyone enjoyed the day and it was a great experience for all. Five teachers, 21 parents and 23 students participated. A total of \$1589 was raised for Summer Camp Tuition Assistance Fund. Vase donations were \$18. Great job by Beth Scott and a committee of volunteers for the day!
- Music Marathon: B. Kessler
Event cancelled. A full day of performances was scheduled with 10 teachers and their studios performing throughout the day.

Festivals

- Baroque, Classical, & Sonatina Festival: Jim Vatter
Event postponed until May or June. Six teachers' studios are scheduled; applications and fees have been submitted. Circumstances will determine whether performances will be held live or by video submission.

Competitions

- Piano Competition: Amy Heyman
9 teachers and 27 students participated. Thanks to Amy and her committee for organizing this yearly event. Due to the pandemic, the recital was cancelled. Also thanks to Syracuse Artist Pianos for underwriting the competition and a sponsor of CNYAMT.
- Instrumental Competition: James Krehbiel, Dana DiGenarro:
The competition is rescheduled to June 20 with the Winners Recital on June 21. If circumstances change, the event will be cancelled.
- Vocal Competition: Neva Pilgrim
The competition is postponed. There are 12 applicants and the event will be held live or online-determination to be made by mid-May. If held online, accompanist fees will be refunded.

Scholarship & Tuition Assistance

- Sr. Scholarship: Dana DiGenarro
Results to be decided by April 14. Two entrants – one flute and one voice.
- Merit Scholarship: Barb Irwin
Applications to be submitted online or mailed to Barb Irwin. Not necessary to have participated in three events this year due to circumstances. Application deadline is May 1.
- Camp Tuition Assistance: B. Kessler
Applications date postponed to June 1. Three-event requirement waived for this year.

Piano Committee: Phil Eisenman – *no update.*

Grants: Deb Guarneiri

Further information provided about the “Perform for Purpose” grants for non-profits. She is actively looking into all grant possibilities.

Sponsorship: Barb Irwin

The Red House indicated interest in sponsorship. Their logo will be put on the website once their participation is clarified and sponsor fee is paid.

Publicity: *Position Open*

Sunshine: Suzanne Sweeney: *No report*

Onondaga Historical Society: *No report*

OTHER BUSINESS

NYSMTA Conference 2020: *October 17, 2020, Schenectady Community College. Guest artist and clinician is Jeremy Siskin, educator and performer.*

Committee for President Elect 2020-2023

Bernadette will remain until new president is voted in. She will work with new president to support and consult as needed.

Future Board Member suggestions:

Robbie Padilla and Kim Farrell have been suggested. Discussion tabled to change the day or venue of meetings.

Luncheon: Barb Irwin

Barb will look into postponement or cancellation, and if the down payment is refundable.

Scores for Scholars is on hold depending upon luncheon

Adjournment: Motion: Gayle Ross Seconded: Michelle Wilcox

Adjourned: 10:55

The next board meeting: May 13, 9:30, on ZOOM.