

CNYAMT Board Meeting- Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church Minutes for Wednesday, January 14, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.

Patricia Box, James Lee Vatter, Linda Yonteff, James Krehbiel, Dana DiGennaro, Barbara Irwin, Phil Eisenman, Gayle Ross and Bernadette Kessler were present.

Meeting called to order at 9:34 a.m.

Patricia Box, president, welcomed members and presented the agenda.

Dana DiGennaro, secretary, presented the Board Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2014. Linda Yonteff, treasurer, made a change to the checking account total stated in the minutes. The balance of the checking account should read \$3,254.20. Phil Eisenman motioned to accept the minutes with the corrections as stated, Jim Vatter seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

Committee Chair Reports

- Treasurer
 - Income of \$2,398.72 mostly from Barnes and Noble (plus one sponsor and membership).
 - Balance of \$4,987.79 in main account. \$4,157.16 in scholarship account.
 - \$13,248.10 in the Lincoln Annuity.
 - A \$40 gift was given to the camp scholarship fund by Corinne Eisenman .
 - Pat and Barb will discuss a few discrepancies noted in the scholarship account totals.
- Scholarship
 - The committee will have a meeting soon, to discuss forms for upcoming scholarships.
 - Phil told us about a program that Amazon has started, where nonprofit organizations can get a percentage of the sales. Linda Yonteff will look into it.
- Membership
 - Joann Dinoff, Cornelia Brewster, Joan Nowicki, Michael Hanley, Geraldine Izzo, Donna Lacy, Kimberly Yerton have not renewed. Pat will personally contact them.
- Events/Workshops
 - Form for Reports – Pat would like to institute a new form to be used as a report for events. This form would be completed by the committee chairs and presented at the Board Meeting following the event. The form looks great, and we will begin using it at all upcoming events.
 - Barnes & Noble Fundraiser
 - B&N was a huge success!
 - We broke the \$10,000 sales total and reached the 20% profit threshold.
 - The total profit was \$2,031.88.
 - 18 teachers and 227 student performers participated.
 - All involved loved the computer/TV setup provided by Pat with running details about CNYAMT.
 - It was suggested that all teachers who have their studios perform be required to work for an hour at the event next year, so we can have two helpers per hour. Barb suggested that we discuss this at banquet.
 - The teachers involved planned their timings too well, and there were some holes in the schedule each day.
 - The schedule for 2015 will be available at the June banquet.
 - Suzuki Play-in
 - Will take place on February 7th and is ready to go.
 - Arvilla Rovit and Beth Scott are co-chairing the event.
 - Friday Teacher Therapy Sessions
 - The next session (February 6th) will feature a discussion about studio policies.

5-6 people attended the January meeting. These meetings are a wealth of information and it would be nice to have more people attend.

- Music at the Mall
 - Will take place on Saturday, March 28, Bernadette Kessler is the chair and handed out an information/sign up sheet.
 - Piano and Organ Center will provide pianos.
- Competitions
 - Piano competition judges are set.
 - A student, Ben Daly formerly a student of Pat DeAngelis was recently passed over to Andy Russo. Pat wanted to be sure that Ben could still compete in the piano competition. It was decided that as long as Andy Russo joins as a member, Ben will be able to compete in the piano competition
 - Helpers are needed for both piano competition days. Bernadette can help one of the days, she will check her calendar. The chairpersons also need someone to provide the lunch.
 - There was a discussion about whether competitions are a money making event, or a service to our students/teachers.
 - Instrumental competition judges are set.
- Corresponding Secretary
 - Constant Contact bill has been paid.
 - Dana will call Robert Sharp to be our next "sponsor highlight". Next on the list will be Baldwinsville music.
 - A suggestion was made to list a table of contents in the newsletter that will list the major points to be covered.
- Website
 - Pat will call MaryEllen to set up a meeting.
- Recitals
 - An animal themed recital will take place on January 17, 2015. So far 3 teachers and 11-12 students will participate.
 - An ensemble recital will take place on February 14, 2015 at Artist Piano at 2:3.
 - A recital is planned at the Everson for February 7, 2015 at 1:30 & 3:00.
- Banquet
 - Barb Irwin would like to do a program to help members understand what is going on with CNYAMT. She would like to include a discussion of our mission statement and would like to highlight members who exemplify it.
 - Barb will form a committee to meet in March to start making plans for the banquet.
- Publicity
 - School music advertisements are coming due soon. Baldwinsville, FM, JD, CNS, and Liverpool have been submitted. We need to contact the following schools to check on ads. (W. Genesee (Dana), Chittenango (Linda), Westhill (Dana), City Schools, CBA, Bishop Ludden (no volunteers)).
- Photographer
 - Pat contacted Rosalie Spitzer who was not available to take photos at the Barnes and Noble event. It would be nice to have two people to share this job.
 - We need to remind committee chairs that they should take photos at their event.
- Sunshine – Suzanne sent a card to Jim Vatter for the loss of his brother-in-law.
- Everson Piano Committee
 - Phil put in a proposal for a grant to Syracuse Sounds of Music to fix the Everson Piano. He has not heard any results yet.
 - There is a new contact at the Everson, Phil will send to Dana who will distribute the contact information to the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Baroque Bash

Jim Vatter will plan this event for February 27-28, depending on enrollment. Students will play one Baroque piece. A high honors recital will take place on March 7, 2015 at 2:00. Students will receive a trophy for scoring 96 or above. This is sponsored by the Suzuki Associates but is open to CNYAMT students. A \$15 fee will be required to participate. Open to instrumental and piano students of any age.

- * Possible CNYAMT Care Home Recital

- * Pat suggested that we take CNYAMT students out in the community homes. A variety of instruments would be nice. Many locations have nice pianos. Pat will plan one recital in the spring to start and open it up to teachers. We could also encourage teachers to perform.

- * Job Descriptions – time to start again these again.

- * VOSS Sign/tri-folds/vase, Jim Vatter will take them for the Animal Recital, then Ida and Joyce will need them for the Everson recitals.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:11a.m..

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dana DiGennaro, Recording Secretary.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, February 11, 2015, PHP 9:30 a.m.