

North Texas Suzuki Association
Spring General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2012
Home of Nicolette Solomon, 3520 Kingsbridge, Plano, TX 75075

I. WELCOME

- a. **Meeting called to order** at 5:15 by President, Jeanette Runyon
- b. **Members present:** Patty Purcell, Jeanette Runyon, Elizabeth Pritchard, Donna Davis, Nicolette Solomon, Ian Salmon, Charles Krigbaum, Mary Margaret Haraden, Cathy Hargrave, Karen Huffman, Robert Hauck, Joyce Liu, Christine Faught, Anna Halperin, Jennifer Tripi, Jonathan Tsai, Irene Mitchell, Rigo Murillo, Christine Rewolinski, Tonia Pilliod, Sarah Carmichael, Bret Serrin, Carl VanWyk, Jane Aten, Judy Bossuat-Gallic, Kristin Gram, Becky Rathbun, Camile Nies (Skype) and Jessica Kirby.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. NTSA minutes posted on the North Texas Suzuki Association Facebook page and the NTSA website
- b. Motions to accept the minutes from the April meeting were made by Donna Davis and Mary Margaret Haraden.
- c. Minutes: accepted

III. TREASURER REPORT-Charles Krigbaum

- a. Current account balance is \$13,338.09
- b. Recent activity since April consists of membership renewals
- c. Charles requested budgets/projected expenditures for current events to determine amount available for scholarship awards
- d. Treasurer's report can be found on the NTSA website

IV. OLD BUSINESS

a. Membership report-Mary Margaret Haraden

- i. NTSA has 93 registered members of which 48 are active, 45 have lapsed and 2 are institutional memberships.
- ii. Renewals are due August 1 regardless of the time of joining. She encouraged those whose memberships have lapsed to go to the website to renew, update personal information as well as designate preferred areas in which to serve. Northtexasuzuki.org.

b. NTSA Website report- Ian Salmon

- i. The website is up and running. Current events are listed as well as links to the upcoming Celebration Concert music.
- ii. Salmon requested pictures of students to post on the web. Send pictures to: website.iansalmonmusic@gmail.com

- iii. Active membership is needed to be able to view the member's area of the website
- iv. Video chat/Google Hangout technology (for up to 10 people) is available for those unable to attend NTSA meetings in person

c. SAA Conference- Patty Purcell

- i. Many NTSA members were represented at the conference. It was noted that this chapter (North Texas Suzuki Association) is well-respected among the SAA community.
- ii. Purcell is the assistant coordinator for the next SAA conference and will be coordinator for 2016 conference.

d. DFWWOW-Debby Bandy, Donna Davis

- i. DFWWOW reached its maximum capacity at 201 participants. Advanced String Camp involved 38 students; the piano institute involved 24 students; while teacher training involved 36 students.
- ii. Davis and Bandy are taking suggestions for teacher training for summer 2013: email suggestions to dfwwow.com
- iii. 2013 DFW WOW dates:
 - 1. Teacher Training July 28-July 7
 - 2. String Institute, July 3-7
 - 3. Piano institute, June 29-July 3
 - 4. Advanced String Camp June 30-July 7

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. Celebration Concert 2012, Elizabeth Pritchard

- i. The Celebration Concert is an event to celebrate the life of Dr. Suzuki. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct 20, 2012 at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas with guest artist, Kristen Van Cleave. Schedule will include a master class (for 5 students in book 3 and above), Baroque music lecture, as well as orchestra/group classes. Event will support Gisela Foundation. The event will involve pre-twinkles, violin, viola, cello, bass and harp students (levels 1a, 1b, 2, 3+). Concert will conclude with a time of celebration in honor of Dr. Suzuki's birthday.
- ii. Information for the event is available on NTSA website.
- iii. The orchestral parts are available on the website for download.

b. Winter workshop- Irene Mitchell

- i. On October 27, 2012, Sue Baer will offer an Every Child Can (ECC) course. Registration is \$75 per person. Space is limited to the first 35 people who contact Mitchell. The workshop is from 9:00 am-4:00 pm and is open to administrators, parents and teachers.
- ii. A winter workshop will be held on January 4-5, 2013, at Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, featuring Carrie Reuning-Hummel. Friday session topics include,

“Creating Conditions for Success,” as well as a pedagogy lecture on using the bow arm. Saturday sessions will cover the topic of remedial teaching. Depending on many variable expenses, approximately 25 registrations are needed for the class to make. 40 registrations are ideal. This workshop is available for all instrument teachers.

c. Trophy Festival (strings)-Matt Bethe

- i. The Trophy Festival is an opportunity for students to play for another teacher, receive positive feedback, and earn a trophy. The event will be held on March 2, 2013 at Bellaire Elementary School in Hurst.
- ii. Visit the NTSA Website for online registration

d. Piano/harp festivals- Cathy Hargrave

- i. The piano/harp Trophy Festival has yet to be scheduled
 1. The location will be on the Suzuki Music Institute of Dallas (SMID) campus.
 2. Karen Huffman volunteered to help with the piano festival
- ii. Cathy Hargrave introduced a new piano event. It is a 5 piano workshop, modeled by Japanese teachers. The event will be held at the Orchestra Hall in Fort Worth, July 8-12, 2013 and will include chamber music featuring the Fort Worth Youth Orchestra.

e. Scholarship-Charles Krigbaum

- i. Scholarships are available for students of NTSA member teachers and can be applied toward any summer institute. Three \$500 scholarships are available: Jennifer Burton Founder’s Award, Gwen Runyon Memorial Award, and Helen Gerald Memorial Award
- ii. Scholarship committee: Ian Salmon, Irene Mitchell, Elizabeth Pritchard, Cathy Hargrave, Anna Halperin. Committee will be available to listen to auditions on both trophy festival dates.

f. Continuing teacher training/development-Judy Bossuat-Gallic

- i. Bossuat-Gallic recommended that teacher training be available on a regular basis throughout the school year. She opened the floor to suggestions. Please direct interest to Judy Bossuat-Gallic.
- ii. All information regarding upcoming training events will be posted on the NTSA website

VI. OTHER BUSINESS OR DISCUSSION

- i. Ontario early childhood training classes offered by Christine Rewolinski. Available for children birth through age three. Students can easily assimilate into instrumental program. Website will be up soon. It is a one-year program that consists of weekly, hour-long classes.
- ii. Classes are held Saturday mornings and include children and their parents. Current location is Irving, but can travel to other locations upon request. As the

program expands, she will need partner teachers who will need training. Training is available in Austin on January 7-12. Eight teachers are needed for the class to make. If interested, contact rewolinski@hotmail.com.

- iii. Suzuki World Conference in Japan is March 27-31, 2013. Many countries are represented. Registration opened September 1st. Registration is available for 4,000 people and nearly 2,500 spots sold during the first few days. Register quickly. www.suzukijapantour.com

b. Spring meeting

- i. April 6, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the home of Jeanette Runyon

VII. ADJORN

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Jessica Kirby