

# NTSA General Membership Meeting

September 13, 2015

at the home of Daina Volodka Staggs

4:00 p.m.

Present:

*Ashlie Skidmore, Amy Tomlinson, Jeanette Runyon, Charles Krigbaum, Bret Serrin, Ian Salmon, Daina Volodka Staggs, Rhea Edelman, Margaux Pisula, Amber Sander, Muriel Kerr, Rachel Smith, Tom White, Susan Vaughan, Donna Davis, Judy Bossuat-Gallic, Anna Halperin, Mary Margaret Haraden, Patty Purcell*

## Introductions

Time	Item	Owner
<b>4:00 – 4:15</b>	<b>Welcome/Eat/Drink/Talk</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>boxes of NTSA relics/records; t-shirts from previous years as well</li><li>introductions - name and area where you live</li></ul>	<b>Amy</b>
<b>4:15 – 4:20</b>	<b>Approval of last meeting's minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Amy made motion, Daina and Anna seconded to approve minutes</li></ul>	<b>Ashlie</b>
<b>4:20 – 4:30</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the financial year ended 7/31 - good improvements in Winter Workshop and Trophy Festival; operated at a surplus (see Treasurer report for specific numbers)</li><li>several student scholarships and 1 teacher scholarship; encourage more teachers to apply</li><li>Allegro! performance made \$1700 profit in benefit concert</li><li>NTSA strong and successful because few events that are done well</li></ul>	<b>Charles</b>
<b>4:30 – 4:40</b>	<b>Trophy Festival Information</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>FW location secured - 9-2 - piano and strings offered - February 20</li><li>SMID offered again for Sunday - 1-5 - piano and strings offered - February 21</li><li>Jeanette: spoke about importance of volunteering time for adjudication - not paying clinicians gave NTSA four additional scholarship opportunities; Registration will be open December 1st; no penalty if teacher is not available to adjudicate; you can register and volunteer at either location; you can adjudicate if you are not sending students (only NTSA members); non-members can send students for additional fee that registers them with NTSA; teachers need to try to do at least 2 hours, but if you are available for more, it is really appreciated;</li><li>Edelman and Haraden are schedulers - discussion about possible changes to how scheduling is handled</li></ul>	<b>Jeanette/Daina</b>

- There will be discussion for how to register teachers for their volunteer time - between Ian and the TF schedulers; schedulers will get in touch with teachers if they have not heard from them after students are registered
- registration will be all online
- NTSA has been around since before NTSA existed!

**4:40 – 4:50                      Scholarship Committee Plans                      Rachel**

- Rachel is out not feeling well; Amy presented in her place
- Committee is Susan Vaughan, Irene Mitchell and Rachel Holt
- The board read through the Committee's proposal, and there are a few adjustments that will be made. General membership will hear details in the next month or so once it is decided

**4:50 – 5:05                      Teacher Development Planning Discussion                      Bret**

- Opening up for general feedback - important to have it be a big draw to raise money for scholarships
- Some ideas: instrument specific, sports psychologist who specializes in musicians (suggested by Anna), goal is to be non instrument specific
- ideas from general group: ECC doesn't work for weekend because it's too intensive - appropriate for institute; Group class; Music Mind games; Music Learning Theory; child psychology (could be Ed Sprunger); in the past, parents have been invited in for a morning session; special needs and learning differences

**5:05 – 5:15                      Celebration Concert Plans                      Donna**

- Fall of 2016- October
- Donna, Anna, and Charles are committee
- Donna: talk about shifting focus to outward - a day of service within individual studios, then meet at a park for a play in for like a 2 hour period

**New Business**

- Patty: possibility of using scholarship \$ for students who might go to conference
- Patty: officers consider submitting a proposal to tell the NTSA story; session proposal forms will be online in the next couple of weeks; to show what an all volunteer group is like
- Haraden and Vincent Pugh are also conference planners

**DFW WOW**

- Donna: July 6-10 for strings; July 1-5 for piano; teacher development July 1-10

**Teacher Development**

- Daina: February 7 - with Nancy Lokken for 3 hours - 10am-1pm on Sunday

**Greenville Workshop**

- Muriel Kerr: February 5 & 6
- Conklin, Durbin, Landefeld, Carey, Burton and others
- website will be up soon

**5:15 – 5:20                      Bow Maker Visit Information                      Jeanette**

- Paul Prier is a french bow maker
- Come learn everything about bows; will be time for open discussion after short presentation
- Saturday, September 26 at 2pm at South Euless Elementary
- RSVP through email to Jeanette

**5:20 – 5:25                      Plan for Spring Meeting Date – Fort Worth Location                      Amy**

- meeting will be at Ashlie Skidmore's house; 1000 Calloway Dr, Hurst 76053; April 2nd or 3rd
- Ian will send out a poll via email to the membership -saturday, sunday, or I don't care; include the time in the email

**Membership Report**

- - Ian: last year was 50 current, 27 non paid; this year, 57, but lots who haven't renewed
- encouragement to have more members at meeting
- please email ideas for recruitment, etc..
- encourage more leadership from the general membership

**Revisit Book 1**

- Judy: SAA about to approve; 15 hour course in January

**Board positions**

- Amy: at the Spring meeting, we will be electing Pres and VP; if you are interested in serving on the board, then let the board know through email

**5:13                                      Adjournment                                      Amy**