

North Texas Suzuki Association
Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2010
4:00pm, at the home of Irene Mitchell

PROCEEDINGS:

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 4:16 p.m. by President, Patty Purcell

- a. **Members present** (24): Matt Bethe, Becca Watson, Jeanette Runyon, Bret Serrin, Nicolette Solomon, Donna Davis, Charles Krigbaum, Mary Ross, Cathy Hargrave, Louise Rossi, Amy Tomlinson, Mary Margaret Haraden, Irene Mitchell, Kathryn Perry, Rigo Murillo, Vilma Miranda, Jackie Luce, Ian Salmon, Marilyn d'Autieul, Alexis Lantzen, Patricia Purcell, Christine Auger Velez, Elizabeth Pritchard, Jody Bossuat
- b. **Quorum** for purposes of NTSA voting defined by Charles Krigbaum as assembled majority of members present.

II. MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2010 MEETING: accepted

- a. item addressed: Ronda Cole cannot come to teacher training, and a new situation will be discussed regarding this and SPA.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

- a. \$1500.00 will go to tax preparation this year. In the past, taxes have been filed incorrectly; from this point on taxes shall be handled by a 3rd party CPA (Hanner & Associates). Under normal circumstances, we can expect tax fees to be ~\$250.00 per year.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Mary Margaret Haraden has accepted office as **Vice President** of NTSA

b. Helen Gerald memorial

- i. motion proposed to establish a Helen Gerald scholarship through the Scholarship Committee who will allocate funds according to standards determined by said Committee. Any member may contribute funds.

c. Committee Members discussed

- i. Trophy Festival: Mary Ross
- ii. Celebration Concert: Elizabeth Pritchard
- iii. Teacher Development: Charles Krigbaum
- iv. Scholarships: Charles Krigbaum, Amy Tomlinson, advisors. Katherine Perry and Nicolette Solomon volunteered to join committee.
 - 1. Committee may determine exact details of fund distribution
 - 2. Jenny Burton scholarship suggested
 - 3. discussion of giving more money to fewer recipients in the future
 - 4. suggestion for service from scholarship recipients
 - 5. committee and scholarship opportunities need more presence on website

d. Website Access

- i. transition to new website is underway
- ii. PayPal is now available to users
- iii. NTSA is working on compliance with nonprofit status procedures, and working with

Rigo Murillo and Paul Pritchard to organize the new site

- iv. currently the members-only section is accessed with username: ntsamember and password: music

V. NEW BUSINESS

a. CURRENT SCHEDULED EVENTS

i. Celebration Concert

1. 84 students and 12 teachers are registered as of today
2. airport pickup for Michael McLean will be provided by Louise Rossi
3. volunteers to assist at concert were solicited
4. memorization not required for McLean's music
5. Celebration Concert will occur every other year, and Elizabeth Pritchard is seeking an assistant for the 2012 Concert, who will become the committee chair for 2014.
6. **Fundacion Gisela:** Irene Mitchell and Vilma Miranda are organizing relief efforts for the "Invisible Children" - students who are victims of the Haiti disaster, now in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.
 - a. Donations: Instruments and supplies, used strings, broken rosin are all needed and may be brought to the Celebration Concert

ACTION ITEM: Elizabeth Pritchard will email information to teachers. Website announcement will be posted.

ii. Piano Workshop and Other Piano Activities

1. SMID is hosting a workshop this weekend with Mary Craig Powell that is open to all area Suzuki students
2. Ideas about what area piano teachers may be interested in
 - a. January supplementary class geared towards upper-book issues
 - b. DFW-WOW piano meeting to get piano teachers together
 - c. creating a sense of community and cooperation among Suzuki pianists
 - d. SMID suggested as venue for a piano-friendly Celebration Concert in 2012

iii. **Teacher Development Workshop:** January 14-16, 2011

1. Ed Kreitman will be guest clinician
 - a. Sat. a.m.: 2-hour lecture for parents and teachers about character development through music.
 - b. 30% of book signing profits will go to NTSA

ACTION ITEM: brochure will be sent out soon by Charles Krigbaum, and will be posted online

iv. **Trophy Festival**

1. 2010 Trophy Festival was the largest to date. 282 kids participated at North Euless Elementary. Piano teachers and students were included. Mary Ross acknowledged clinicians and teachers who participated.
2. Next Trophy Festival will be March 5, 2011, at Bellaire Elementary in HEBISD
 - a. Becca Watson will assist Mary Ross as coordinator
 - b. SMID offered their facility for a piano/harp Trophy Festival

b. FUTURE EVENTS

- i. **Suzuki Principles in Action (SPA)** by the SAA is not instrument-specific. Patty Purcell proposed bringing the course here next September. A maximum of 20 people may attend. SPA

focuses on techniques for interaction with students and parents.

ii. DFW-WOW

1. over 200 families and 47 teacher trainees participated this year. It was the largest ever.
2. Next year: violin book 1 will be offered again , Betsy will teach viola, equivalency pieces will be created for advanced camp with non-Suzuki repertoire/students

Student Institute: July 6-10, 2011

Piano Institute: July 3-6, 2011

Advanced String Camp: July 2-10, 2011

Book 1 + ECC: July 2-10, 2011

Other teacher training: July 6-10, 2011

- iii. **Spring NTSA Meeting** will be in Fort Worth, on April 17th, 2011. Youth Orchestra of Greater Fort Worth may host, or Patty Purcell may host.
- iv. Celebration Concert conflict with Oct. 2nd – there is a Mark O'Connor workshop happening on the same weekend. Elizabeth Pritchard is in contact with Mark O'Connor's organizers to create a date for a future visit to D/FW.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS OR DISCUSSION

- a. **Sister Cities tour group from Nagaoka** visited in August with 12 students. Tour leader Mr. Yoshikawa asked for D/FW students and teachers to come to Nagaoka in the summer of 2012.
 - i. ACTION ITEM: planning committee Judy Bossuat and Jeanette Runyon will prepare and present a plan at the May meeting regarding assembling a tour group from Texas.
- b. **Chapter Affiliates** input
 - i. SAA wants to elevate the status of chapter affiliates. A liaison exists now between the SAA and NTSA. Articles, features, stories are requested from anyone, including students.
 - ii. PROPOSED ACTION ITEM: submit an article about the Celebration Concert and relief donations, co-authored by NTSA members

Meeting adjourned at 5:46pm
Minutes submitted by Secretary, Christine Auger Velez