

# **NTSA General Membership Meeting**

**April 3, 2016**

**at the home of Ashlie Skidmore**

**4:00 p.m.**

## Board Members Present:

*Amy Tomlinson, Ian Salmon, Ashlie Skidmore, Bret Serrin, Jeanette Runyon*

## Membership Present:

*Zoe Schommer, Rachel Holt, Katie McCown, Mary Margaret Haraden, Charles Krigbaum, Nicolette Solomon, Rhea Edelman, Becca Watson, Daina Volodka-Staggs, Friederike Lehrbass, Paulette Huff, Kate Jones, Rita Hauck, Donna Davis, Lisa Shields, Barbara Stafford, Denae Chance, Irene Mitchell, Paul Landefeld,*

**Introduction and welcome by NTSA President, Amy Tomlinson.**

### **Approval of last meeting's minutes**

- Irene Mitchell moves to approve
- Daina Volodka-Staggs seconds

### **Treasurer's Report, by Bret Serrin**

- Two revenue producers
  - Teacher Development with Ed Sprunger - 20 NTSA members - minus expenses \$1426 revenue;
  - Trophy Festival - 445 total kids between two locations @ \$15 student minus expense of trophies and 1 judge \$3540 profit;
- Total \$14494 in bank; \$7383 in PayPal; current balance \$17127.95 in the bank after checks for scholarships are sent out; \$2000+ in savings account; close to \$20000 in assets at this moment

### **Teacher Development Report - Ed Sprunger, By Bret Serrin**

- Wonderful learning experience and great that it was non instrument specific
- Who wants to do it next year? Amy discusses what that means - find a clinician and location
- It's always the last weekend of Christmas break; maybe send a survey about dates; has to be 10 hr to register with SAA; maybe about learning issues; Daina suggests someone

who is working with kids directly in school and not in clinical setting; if a registered class, then it goes on SAA website for advertising;

### **2016 SAA Conference report, by Ian Salmon**

- Registration is still open
- have to be SAA member
- Still ways to save money like volunteering and roommate matching program; rooms still available at Hilton
- on behalf of Patty Purcell - they are looking for volunteers to help stuff packets; looking for people to host session and gave details on what that involves - if you are interested, contact Patty or on the SAA website

### **DFW WOW 2016, by Donna Davis**

- First deadline is April 15
- Good enrollment so far
- Teacher development also available
- auditions are starting to come in for LoneStar camp

### **Scholarship Committee Report, by Rachel Holt**

- Irene Mitchell and Susan Vaughn were committee with Rachel
- made changes in how to run things as well as extra money
- applicants were also up from last year
- Changes:
  - kids only played and prepared one piece
  - everything was done through recording instead of live audition
  - two different tracks
    - Track A was more advanced players and based on SAA conference requirements
    - Track B was less advanced students - prepared a piece and answered a question about what Suzuki meant to them; the teachers wrote an email to committee about child and their history etc...
    - teachers answered in a variety of ways to question of students' need for support - thoughtful answers; all students played very well; judged using SAA performance descriptors and gave lots of notice to beautiful tone; used lots of excel documents to be thorough and fair
    - was a very blind process; who the teacher was was blind as well to committee; students have until Tuesday to accept their scholarship by contacting Rachel; awards were given on merit only
- Paul Landefeld gave insight on why giving need based scholarships is not worth the trouble

- Irene shared that she would like for committee to give feedback on the videos that would be shared to teachers and students; Rachel liked idea and will consider it going forward;
- Rachel has agreed to do it another year with Susan
- Amy shared that next year, we would like to give out \$10,000 for scholarships next year

### **Trophy Festival Wrap-up and planning**

- Mary Margaret Haraden reports:
  - she took the number of students divided by hours, so each student had 8 minutes ;14 teachers volunteered to listen and help; Colleyville location was very nice and ran very smoothly
- Rhea Edelman reports:
  - 4 students per half hour; she was short of teacher volunteers; SMID teachers gave extra time to cover empty places in schedule;
- Amy shared that the having volunteer judges is great revenue producer for scholarship
- Continue to encourage teachers who can't come to have proxies; parents can help at the front desk or musician parent or teenager to tunes
- Mary Margaret liked sign up genius for ease of use and recommends using it again - great idea from Ian
- We want to encourage as many students to participate as possible; All are welcome!
- Donna talks about how it's a fun day and it's a nice event for the families
- Rhea talks about how we need a letter for clinicians
- Rita Hauck thanked Jeanette for covering for her due to family emergency

### **Celebration concert planning discussion for October 2016**

- Biennial event
- Donna is in charge, with Charles Krigbaum to help
- A public location for an outward focus event; have a day of service
- Nicolette Solomon suggests putting together video of snippets from all teachers service days to submit to SAA
- Discussion of dates in October; Weekend of October 2 or 16;
- weekend for service Donna will check on venues at parks
- looking at Colleyville and Irving being central to metroplex
- maybe sell t shirts; order should be placed before so kids can wear shirts to event; Haraden reminded no pictures of residents etc...
- Amy suggests putting together guidelines
- Donna discussed open space by Winspear

### **Election of New Officers, by Amy Tomlinson**

- Amy and Ian are both stepping down from current positions; Amy will move to past president position

- Jeanette nominates Daina for president
  - Charles seconds
  - we voted unanimous yes
- Ian nominates Katie McCown for Vice President
  - Irene seconds
  - we voted unanimous yes
- Positions begin August 1

### **Plan for Fall Meeting Date**

- Rhea will host
  - 7235 Valley View Place, Dallas 75240
  - September 11,2016
  - 2pm board meeting
  - 3pm general meeting

### **Polo Order Info**

- Amy will go to vendor to get choices for Polo
- Logo size will be smaller, and shirt will be longer
- Order form is available on NTSA website; April 30 deadline for getting order in. Email orders to Amy Tomlinson. Mail check/money order to her address (on order form).
- Wear the NTSA shirt Saturday at the conference; be prepared to take a picture

**Any other business? (no)**

**Dates for trophy festival will be determined at Fall meeting**

**Meeting Adjourned**