

NTSA Fall Meeting 2016 General Meeting Sunday, September 11, 2016

At the home of Rhea Edelman, 3pm

Members Present: Ashlie Skidmore, Katie McCown, Amy Tomlinson, Bret Serrin, Daina Volodka, Jenny Lee Vaughan, Louise Rossi, Hsing-Yi Lin, Thomas Lovett, Irene Mitchell, Jeanette Runyon, Charles Krigbaum, Ian Salmon, Leah Chae, Tom White, Rachel Smith, Rhea Edelman, Oscar Soler, Rosalie Gilbert, Becca Watson, Sarah Gonzalez, Neil Gilfillan, Rachel Samson, Friederike Lehrbass, Christina Leano, Jackie Luce, Jane Aten, Catherine Boyd, Lauren Menard, Anna Halperin, Nicolette Solomon, Donna Davis, Rachel Holt, Amber Sander

- Daina begins the meeting and greets everyone;
- A sign up sheet is being passed around for people to sign in and give emails;
- introductions through the group

Approve Minutes

- Amy T. Moves to approve the minutes; Irene seconds; minutes approved

Scholarship Committee

- Rachel Holt is committee chair
- Applications in by 12/1 and results posted by 2/1.
- Amber Sander will be on committee; Request made for additional committee members
If you are on the committee your students are not eligible to apply for scholarship;
- Submissions will be online again; teacher and student scholarships for institutes and conferences

Treasurer's Report

- Bret gives report
Reports handed out and extra copies available
- 3 sources of revenue - membership, winter workshop, and trophy festival; revenue was less compared to previous year because no Allegro Concert and no Celebration Festival; total revenue for the year was about \$12000;
- Making lots of money at trophy festival because of volunteers
- General expenses remained the same for the most part; Bret reads bullet points from report;
- Decision was made previously to allocate \$10000 for scholarships for this upcoming year; 129 more participants for trophy festival which accounted for increase in earnings; Total balance \$21000

Teacher Development

- Daina gives report

- Ed Kreitman doing a 10 hr SAA course on art of the teaching triangle; an experience based inquiry into relationship in the Suzuki triangle; Going over the 7 levels of awareness; The unique nature of our work - where we have a witness (the parent) to everything that we do as teachers; discover new ways of communicating
- January 7 & 8 at South Euless Elementary - \$165 which covers registration of course with SAA

Workshops

- Greenville - February 3 & 4 - Workshop
- HEB - Cary Beth Hockett - October 9 & 10 - group class workshop
- March - Fiddle Workshop in Burleson with Sherri Mackenzie

Leadership Retreat

- Consider going to the retreat for SAA - it's for everyone
- Not confirmed yet but keep an eye out for it

DFW WOW

- Donna gives report; very successful this summer, but have lost the AATCC facility
- 2 good possibilities for next summer - it will happen no matter what!
- Daina encourages the teachers to start conversation now about summer institutes - an integral part of the Suzuki experience

Trophy Festival

- Annual event that NTSA puts on - like solo and ensemble for Suzuki kids - they get a trophy and nice comments
- February 25 in Colleyville; February 26 at Suzuki Music Institute of Dallas (SMID)
- Teachers are acknowledged for volunteering their time to judge; encouragement to volunteer their time to judge;
- Amy will do all the scheduling; Rhea in Dallas, Jeanette and Ashlie in Colleyville;
- Discussion on how to volunteer best; Ask a couple of parents to proxy for non-judging teachers; We want everyone to participate so just let organizer know;
- Cost is \$15 per student; Contact Amy Tomlinson if there are any questions;
- open to all Suzuki instruments;
- Teacher registers students only; Parents do not have to join NTSA - only the teacher has to be a member
- Registration will open December 1; Close on Feb 1
- More details will come via email with information for teachers
- Charles brings up about Trophy Festival - give instruction and training to people listening to the students - it's not a lesson; Bret says not just to judges, but to membership at large - have clear guidelines - further investigation

Social Media

- Daina talks about Facebook page for NTSA;

- looking at how we can best support members

Celebration Festival

- A day of service instead of day of celebration;
- October 16 2-4pm; City park in Colleyville;
more information to come

Bi-Law/Code of Ethics Discussion

- Daina opens up discussion
- Recently MTNA was sued over enforcing code of ethics; SAA has an aspirational code of ethics - guidelines; As a community of NTSA, where do we stand on this issue; Opens up the Discussion; Charles gives background on the MTNA issue;
- We seek to live the ideals, not enforced;
- Daina reads our code of ethics - found on the website;
- Daina shares from personal experience how she handled people shopping around while with a current teacher; Charles shares from personal experience; How much responsibility does the teacher hold; Various people share from personal experience; Irene says its best to always check with the other teacher - know what is going on;
- encouraged to hold ourselves to a higher standard because we are a Suzuki family;
- Institutes, etc are in place to support the home teacher - how can we as a community support each other, support the home teacher;
- Several people share what it is like as the institute teacher; Rhea shares personal experience;
- Charles cautions that students come and go, but the colleagues are around - no student is that important

Suzuki Alumni Event

- Louise R. mentioned former student who would like to give recital;
- contact former students who might do this?
- Set a date - March 19 or maybe in May;
- Louise will head up committee to figure out a date and a venue

Spring Meeting

Next meeting will be Sunday April 2, 2017 at Amy Tomlinson's house.
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Meeting Adjourned