

NTSA General Meeting
9/10/17

Present:

- Bret S., Daina S., Anna H., Charles K., Katie A., Patty P., Cristina L., Janine, Christine F., Mary Margaret H., Christine C., Chris M., Amber S., Oscar S., Rhea E., Tom W., Paulette H., Ashlie S.

Daina calls the meeting to order at 3:10

Approve the minutes:

- Daina moves to approve, Amber seconds, all approve

Treasurer's Report:

- Bret gives report; fiscal year ends July 31; gives overview of report - three main sources of income - membership, winter workshop, and trophy festival
- Looking at previous trophy festival numbers and how they had changed
- We spent more than we made, because of scholarships - that was expected; PO Box fee increased
- This year, teacher development barely broke even; Heads up for this year's TD because the fees will be almost double
- See full report; Current balance: \$13,180 with \$2,536 in savings

Scholarship Committee:

- Daina shares that we will be giving out \$7400 in scholarship this year with more details to follow
- Daina shares that scholarships are only available if we have participation in our events
- Encouragement to members to show up for teacher development, trophy festival, etc... Otherwise we will deplete the funds that we have
- Daina challenges the members to bring 3 friends to the teacher development, and to get in touch with people who are not active in NTSA, find out why, and encourage them to come be a part of it
- We are a really huge metroplex, and that presents a challenge - as teachers we set the tone of importance - encourage these things - to share in a vibrant community with each other
- let the smaller studios know how important they are to the bigger group; Scholarship deadline is January 15 for submissions
- don't forget there are teacher development scholarships too

Trophy Festival:

- This year, registration will open on 12/1/17.
- Registration and payment is due 2/2/18. If payment is not received, the student will be removed from registration

- February 24 in Colleyville and Feb 25 in Dallas
- Bret, Anna, Jeanette, and Ashlie are coordinators and will send out all the info needed in October/November and will also be posted on website; Rhea will be the Dallas host

Teacher Development:

- Charles shares that Rhonda Cole will be coming in January. This is an extraordinary opportunity for our community
- Patty is helping set the location
- Charles shares about who RHonda is. He shares that she has a true gift of communication
- 1/20-1/21
- Saturday and Sunday morning will be violin technique - 9-12am
- Afternoons - for everyone - "the audacity to make a difference" 1:30-3:30pm
- Also short violin master class after the general session
- All the info is on the website - registration is now open
- Charles challenges us to have 30 teachers register for this course as a minimum
- It's also her birthday!

DFW WOW:

- Bret shares that the dates will be the same as always, and it will be SMID/Crowne Plaza again this year

Suzuki Alumni Project:

- March 17th - evening time TBD
- concert at Resurrection Lutheran in Plano
- Still in the works for particulars; possible master class and play in - still TBD

Announcement:

- Greenville Suzuki Workshop - February 2-3
- Judy Bossuat-Gallic offering Book 4 - see website for details

Hurricane Harvey Practice-a-Thon:

- go to SAA website for more information; there was a link in the email Irene sent out with the paperwork if you want your studio to participate
- For the months of September and October
- Jeanette asks if we know what they need because suppliers have offered to make donations; Charles shares that everything was destroyed in Sheldon where some Suzuki teachers are. Jeanette asks for a way to find out where to send donations; Patty shares that Claire, the president in Houston or Danette would be good people to get in touch with for donations of items

SAA CONference:

- This is a conference year; The theme is collaborating community

- SAA is looking for groups to do 25 minute presentations on this theme
- Daina shares that she is planning on putting together something with board - invites anyone who wants to come share and be a part of it at the conference
- Let Daina know if you are interested in helping out and being a part of it

Other:

- Daina shares about wanting more people on the board; Charles shares about the bylaws - it is determined that changes do not need to be made
- Encouragement to membership to participate
- Jenny Lee shares via email that she is interested in being a part of the board or a committee

The next meeting is April 15, 2018 at Ashlie Skidmore's house at 1000 Calloway Dr, Hurst 76053

Meeting ends at 3:48