

## **NORTH TEXAS SUZUKI ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF MEETING**

September 9, 2018

NTSA convened for its annual fall meeting at 3:24 P.M. on September 9, 2018, at the home of Charles Krigbaum in Plano, Texas.

### **NTSA members present:**

Maria Baylock  
Christine Faught  
Neil Fong Gilfillan  
Mary Margaret Haraden  
Kate Jones  
Yorelys Jordan  
Charles Krigbaum  
Friederike Lehrbass  
Hsing-Yi Lin  
Christopher Mattaliano  
Irene Mitchell  
Sandra Rodriguez  
Jeanette Runyon  
Larry Runyon  
Rachel Samson  
Amber Sander  
Ashlie Skidmore  
Oscar Soler  
Daina Staggs  
Jenny Lee Vaughn  
Terra Warger

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Ms. Staggs convened the meeting at 3:24 P.M., and began by extending a special welcome to new members, especially those from Puerto Rico—Ms. Jordan and Ms. Rodriguez. As a part of general introductions, Charles Krigbaum recognized Kate Jones as SAA's newest bass Teacher Trainer and offered her congratulations on behalf of NTSA.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Skidmore had color copies available of the fund activity. Since April 19th, outgoing funds of \$250 went to paying taxes, while incoming funds of \$460 were from donations and membership dues. Total funds come to \$18,549.61. Ms. Skidmore announced that we would be offering \$10,000 in scholarships this year.

## **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Mr. Krigbaum relayed that this year's development topic will not be instrument-specific, but will rather feature renowned Mindset Neuroscience specialist Stefanie Faye Frank. The workshop will take place January 5-6, 2019. While Suzuki teachers will be able to enroll as a SAA 10-hour enrichment course, the weekend's sessions will be opened up to other parents and educators à la carte. The goal is to reach lots of folks and keep the price low, so the goal is 200 registrants. Specifics will be organized by early October.

## **TROPHY FESTIVAL**

Ms. Staggs explained that Trophy Festival is like Solo & Ensemble for Suzuki—students play for an adjudicator and receive a trophy! This year's dates are February 23, 2019 in Colleyville and February 24, 2019 in Dallas. Teachers who register students to participate must donate a couple hours of their time to adjudicate. Ms. Skidmore offered to head up scheduling for both days, but requested a point person for Dallas logistics. Ms. Samson offered to partner with her.

## **SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

Dr. Sander summarized that scholarship applications will open up around Thanksgiving and will close in mid-January. She explained that the Track A and Track B registration designations are being dismantled in favor of uniform audition requirements. The previously required letter of recommendation and video question response are also being discontinued. Additionally, the award amounts for the Memorial Scholarships and Founder's Award will be increased to \$750 (or full institute tuition, whichever is less), and the additional awards will also be raised to \$500, as funds allow.

## **DR. SUZUKI'S BIRTHDAY - OCTOBER 17**

Ms. Staggs invited us to honor Dr. Suzuki in his birthday month with creative in-studio projects or performances that will bring awareness to the man and his mission. She suggested using the NTSA Facebook page as a vehicle for showcasing our birthday videos or pictures. Dr. Vaughn echoed that at the Spring 2018 meeting, Bob and Rita Hauck offered to share the piece "Thank you, Dr. Suzuki" to any person or studio who would like to use it.

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Vaughn announced that Greenville ISD and Greenville Suzuki Strings Association were offering the Every Child Can! (ECC) course in Greenville Saturday, September 29, 2018. The registration deadline is Monday, September 17th.

The upcoming Spring meeting will be Sunday, April 7, 2019 at the Hurst home of Chris Mattaliano/1328 W. Redbud Dr./Hurst, TX 76053. The board meeting will be at 1:45, and the general membership meeting at 3:00. Ms. Staggs invites NTSA members to attend the board meeting At-Large. We will also need to replace Dr. Sander as Scholarship Chair, as she is stepped down.

Mr. Krigbaum shared that NTSA's role is to raise money, via Tropy Fest, to assist students and teachers who wish to have an Institute experience. NTSA also exists to train teachers, and provide continued teacher development.

On behalf of herself and her students, Ms. Rodriguez addressed the membership and thanked NTSA for the strings, medicine, food, and other disaster relief donations that were sent to her studio. She shared that Hurricane Maria's destruction has been significantly underreported, and that the items sent were very appreciated.

## **APPROVING THE MINUTES**

The minutes from the Spring 2018 meeting were approved without change.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:51 P.M.

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the foregoing minutes are accurate and complete.

Jenny Lee Vaughn  
Secretary  
North Texas Suzuki Association

These minutes will be formally considered by the membership at its next meeting, and any corrections or notations will be incorporated in the minutes of that meeting.