

NORTH TEXAS SUZUKI ASSOCIATION SUMMARY OF MEETING

April 7, 2019

NTSA convened for its annual spring meeting at 3:08 P.M. on April 7, 2019, at the home of Christopher Mattaliano in Hurst, Texas.

NTSA members present:

Katie Adams
Judy Bossuat-Gallic
Christine Collins-Davis
Jackie Conlin
Mary Margaret Haraden
Kate Jones
Charles Krigbaum
Friederike Lehrbass
Christopher Mattaliano
Robin Moreland
Susan Pugh
Vincent Pugh
Amber Sander
Ashlie Skidmore
Daina Staggs
Jenny Lee Vaughn

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & APPROVING THE MINUTES

The meeting commenced by Ms. Staggs welcoming the membership. She introduced a motion to approve the minutes from the fall 2018 meeting; Dr. Sander seconded her motion. The motion went unopposed and the minutes were approved without change.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. Skidmore had copies prepared of the Trophy Festival and teacher development financial reports, and a summary of the fund activity. At the time of our last meeting, we had roughly \$18,000 in assets. We made \$303 in teacher development profits, and \$3,491 in Trophy Festival profits. Once the scholarship checks are written, our current balance will be \$11,961.91.

Ms. Skidmore recommended that we award less money in scholarships next year since we didn't have the revenue come in this year to support the same level of giving. Since next year is a SAA

conference year, she reminded the membership of NTSA's intention to cover the \$150 registration fee for those students who are accepted to attend. The number of students accepted will determine how much we can give out. The student conference applicants usually find out about their acceptance status in November or December.

Mr. Krigbaum introduced a motion to approve the report; Ms. Adams seconded the motion. The motion went unopposed and the report was approved.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT REPORT

A new Chair needs to be selected. Mr. Krigbaum and Ms. Staggs explained the many benefits of serving in this capacity, and Mr. Krigbaum offered help to the incoming leadership. The membership was asked for volunteers. Ms. Collins-Davis volunteered to serve in an assisting role.

Ms. Staggs explained that the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend is being considered for next year's event, and asked if that would work for the membership. Ms. Bossuat-Gallic encouraged us to find a good weekend to schedule it, and maintain the weekend for years to come so that teachers can expect and plan for it.

Ms. Staggs asked for suggestions for the 2020 clinician. She relayed that the board had discussed names such as Cathy Lee, Christian Howes, Carrie Reuning-Hummel, Danette Schuh, Cary Beth Hockett, Margaret Watts Romney (maybe in two years), and Michele Horner. Ms. Lehrbass mentioned Susan Kempter. Cathy Lee's name created lots of positive feedback. Ms. Haraden mentioned that it is not always easy to travel to her events.

TROPHY FESTIVAL

Ms. Skidmore summarized that we had 238 participants in Colleyville, 178 participants in Dallas, and our profit was \$3,491. She sent a survey out for feedback after the event.

To address the need for more piano judges, there was discussion as to whether we can find violin teachers who also play piano and therefore judge piano competently, or whether teachers could simply hear instruments on which they had no training at all. There was mixed feelings expressed. A new member, pianist Jackie Conlin, shared that once pianist performers are at Book 4, the judge needs to be instrument-specific for the level of evaluation needed.

The Trophy Festival dates for next year are February 22 and 23, 2020. Ms. Skidmore invited ideas. She's open to them and "has a thick skin."

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Dr. Sander explained that we need a brand new three-person committee for a one-year appointment (though most committee members typically serve for two years). She shared that the Chair will have a light load in October and November, a heavy load in February, and some maintenance work in March and April. The other committee members' time expectation is not great.

The committee's task is to evaluate scholarship submissions based on the SAA Performance Descriptors. Dr. Sander reminded that a member's students cannot apply for scholarships during that member's service on the Scholarship Committee. She suggested that after having spent time on the committee, though, one would likely feel better armed to assist students in the scholarship submission process in the future.

Dr. Jones, Mr. Mattaliano, and Ms. Staggs all volunteered to make up the new committee.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Acting as a Parliamentarian and Past President, Mr. Krigbaum explained the NTSA bylaws regarding election protocol for board members. The President and Treasurer should be voted in for two-year terms at the spring meeting every two years (with the Vice President and Secretary voted in together the years the other offices are not). Ms. Stagg said that in order to realign her term (she is halfway through her 2-year term) with the Treasurer's term, she needs to be re-voted in as President.

Mr. Krigbaum introduced a motion to elect Ms. Staggs as President and Ms. Skidmore as Treasurer. Ms. Collins-Davis seconded the motion. The motion was unopposed and passed.

Mr. Krigbaum wanted to emphasize in the meeting minutes that the bylaws dictate that we elect a Vice President and Secretary at the spring meeting of 2020.

SUMMER INSTITUTES, WORKSHOPS & TRAINING

Ms. Staggs announced that the Greenville Suzuki Workshop has been early in February for many years. Dr. Vaughn confirmed that she would share the dates once they are established.

DFW WOW is our local Suzuki institute.

Ms. Bossuat-Gallic has been approved to lead a Book 7 training over Labor Day weekend. The details are already on the SAA website.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The fall 2019 meeting will be on September 15th. Ms. Bossuat-Gallic offered to host. She will check the date and confirm.

NTSA membership dues are due August 1st. Members will get just one email reminder.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 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.