

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

September 15, 2019

NTSA convened for its annual fall meeting at 3:12 P.M. on September 15, 2019, at the Suzuki Music Institute of Dallas.

### **NTSA members present:**

Kathy Almquist  
Judy Bossuat-Gallic  
Christine Collins-Davis  
Donna Davis  
Jessalyn Duggan  
Rhea Edelman  
Leah Fritz  
Neil Fong Gilfillan  
Mary Margaret Haraden  
Charles Krigbaum  
Friederike Lehrbass  
Thomas Lovett  
Christopher Mattaliano  
Robin Moreland  
Eileen Mae Naughton  
Patty Purcell  
Jeanette Runyon  
Larry Runyon  
Rachel Samson  
Amber Sander  
Lisa Shields  
Ashlie Skidmore  
Oscar Soler  
Nicolette Solomon  
Daina Staggs  
Jenny Lee Vaughn  
Tom White

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Ms. Staggs convened the meeting at 3:12 P.M., extending a welcome to those present, and invited all members to introduce themselves.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Ms. Skidmore had copies available of the fund activity. Besides \$9,280 paid out for student and teacher scholarships, \$106 was spent for postal service, and \$149 for web set up. Total funds amount to \$14,005.41, down from \$18,549.61 this time last year.

Ms. Skidmore announced the new scholarship committee: Mr. Mattaliano, Ms. Staggs, and Dr. Kate Jones. She explained that whereas we gave \$10,000 in scholarship funds last year, we only made \$300 on our Teacher Development event in January, and will thus only pledge \$5,000 for student and teacher institute scholarships this year. The changes to the award amounts from last year will be maintained—Memorial Scholarships and Founder's Award will be \$750 (or full institute tuition, whichever is less), and the additional awards, including one teacher scholarship, will be \$500. A lot of good will come of the \$5000, even though it is halved from last year, especially compared to other SAA chapters. Many chapters only provide teacher scholarships, so NTSA is proud of its continued mission to benefit students attending Institute.

Additionally, in addition to the \$5000 in institute scholarships, NTSA will cover the registrations of students who are accepted to the national conference. A NTSA audition for the registration scholarship is not required. If a student is accepted, the student will receive the registration scholarship.

Ms. Skidmore shared that Teacher Development events and Trophy Festival are our main money-makers, and asked members present to spread the word and participate.

The report was approved due to a motion by Mr. Krigbaum that was seconded by Ms. Purcell.

## **TEACHER DEVELOPMENT REPORT**

Ms. Collins-Davis relayed that this year's event will be Cathy Lee's "Developing the Advanced Bow Arm from the Beginning" class. The workshop will take place over the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend of January 18-19, 2020. Mr. Krigbaum shared that as of April 2019, SAA has capped SAA enrichment course registrations at 20 a class. Ms. Lee's own personal limit is 25 participants due to the hands-on nature of the course. Ms. Solomon shared that the class is never the same, and taking it more than once only enhances the experience. Registration will open soon.

## **TROPHY FESTIVAL**

This year's dates are February 22, 2020 in Colleyville and February 23, 2020 in Dallas. Ms. Skidmore reported that she will email the piano teachers about judging on the 23rd. She has secured help from Ms. Edelman regarding the use of SMID, and Ms. Runyon for use of the Bransford Rd. LDS Meeting House. Mr. Krigbaum volunteered to serve as a greeter or in another supportive role. Ms. Samson will assist Ms. Skidmore this year in running Trophy Festival, and will take over in 2021.

## **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.

NTSA used to host a Celebration Concert for Dr. Suzuki's birthday, but to do so again someone would need to take on this big task. Ms. Samson expressed interest in organizing a flash mob, but her preliminary research indicated that many businesses would call the police. She concluded that a safer bet would be a Play-In.

## **OTHER ITEMS**

Board elections for Vice President and Secretary will occur at the Spring meeting. Ms. Staggs asked if anyone is interested in stepping into either of these roles. Dr. Sander said she would be willing to serve in some capacity. Ms. Staggs elaborated that the responsibilities should be on the website, but they had yet to transfer from our old page. She summarized that the Secretary takes notes and prepares minutes, while the Vice President is the webmaster.

Ms. Davis reported that the dates for DFW WOW will be July 1-5, 2020; Lone Star Young Artist Program will be June 28-July 1, 2020. Events will continue to be held at SMID and across the street. Ms. Solomon asked if there were any teacher training request for DFW WOW this summer. Ms. Moreland asked for Book 1, and Ms. Runyon affirmed that others have asked for Book 1, too. Ms. Solomon asked if there was interest in double bass training, and the response was in the affirmative.

These additional upcoming events discussed are all live on the SAA website:

- "Teaching the Works of Fritz Kreisler" by Brian Lewis in Austin, October 18-20, 2019
- "The Joy of Pre-Twinkle for Violin and Viola" by Ms. Staggs in Allen, November 25-26, 2019
- "Violin Revisiting Unit 1" by Judy Bossuat-Gallic in Dallas, January 3-5, 2020
- SAA Conference in Minneapolis, May 21-25, 2020

Mr. Krigbaum encourages those present at the meeting to stay afterward and network with a room full of colleagues.

The upcoming Spring meeting will be Sunday, April 26, 2020 at the Hurst home of Ashlie Skidmore/1000 Calloway Dr./Hurst, TX 76053.

Membership discussed NTSA's mission to reach, or possibly cultivate, new SAA teachers in our area. The board would like to contact string professors and music education departments at schools such as SMU, TCU and DBU to let them know about the group of professionals that is NTSA, Suzuki training, the Suzuki community, and continued training opportunities. It was discussed that professors need to tell their students about summer training by early spring. When students inquire in the summer, it's too late. Ms. Davis suggested contacting pedagogy departments, while Ms. Samson brought up reaching out to those who teach music business courses. Ms. Harden has a contact at TCU.

### **APPROVING THE MINUTES**

The minutes from the Spring 2019 meeting were approved without change due to a motion by Ms. Skidmore that was seconded by Dr. Sander.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:46 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.