



Stevens Point Area MTA

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

10:00 a.m.

Mitchell Piano Works

Minutes

- I. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**—President Gail Heywood called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Present were: Eddie Brown, Jenny Burton, Gail Heywood, Mary Hofer, Annella Kochanowski, Judy Meyer, Mary Thomas and Bill Penker.
- II. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**—Jenny Burton motioned to adopt agenda with second by Eddie Brown. Agenda was adopted by consensus.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**—The October 2013 business meeting minutes were adopted by email consensus.
- IV. **REPORT OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEE**
 - a. **President, Gail Heywood** —MTNA Division Elections will take place in February. Active members are reminded to vote. The 2014 MTNA Conference will take place March 22-26 in Chicago. Beginning in December 2013, the WMTA Newsletter publication will go electronic for three issues (January/February/May) while the August issue will be sent to the entire membership.
 - b. **Vice-President, Jenny Burton**—The Aber Suzuki Center invites the public to attend a FREE open house on Saturday, January 25 at the Noel Fine Arts Center on the UW-SP campus. The event starts with an instrument petting zoo from 9:00-10:15 am. An Early Childhood Education class will also be given for infants to 3-4 year olds. At 10:15 there will be a mini concert followed by a cookie break. At 11:00-noon folks can observe various group classes to see how the Suzuki students work in a group setting. The open house finishes with free pizza in the courtyard.
 - c. **Treasurer, Judy Meyer**—The profit from the 2013 Fall Festival was \$1,168.00, and from \$82.00 from the rummage sale. SPAMTA also received a grant for \$100.00 from the Wisconsin Music Teachers Association. SPAMTA treasury currently stands at \$2,617.60 with funds divided between checking and saving account.
 - d. **District Auditions, Mary Hofer**—WMTA Auditions for the Stevens Point district will take place on March 15th in the Noel Fine Arts Center at UW-Stevens Point. Our district will continue to complete hard copy application forms. Entry deadline is February 22, 2014 and drop off applications and payment to either the Suzuki office or Ann Marie Novak's door. Do not turn in judging forms with audition applications. A mandatory work meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Mitchell Piano Works (snow date is March 12). All forms can be found on the SPAMTA website (student activities tab).
- V. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Fall Festival & Used Music Sale follow-up**—Thank you to the nine teachers who entered students in the 2013 Fall Festival. There were 100 students participating with 1 guitar, 1 piano duet, 85 piano solo, 1 viola and 10 violin entries. Adjudicators were Eddie Brown, Julie Juvinall, Ed Muelling and Mary Stevens. Press releases were sent to area newspapers. The MTNA Vivace Chapter also set up a bake sale at the event; there was discussion on how SPAMTA and the collegiate chapter can host more collaborative events. Thank you to Julia Weiser and several students who volunteered their time working at the used music sale.

b. MTNA Federal Trade Commission Update—Gail Heywood shared a recent article in the Wall Street Journal which discussed the FTC issue faced by MTNA. Regardless of the relative merits of the FTC’s investigation, MTNA’s leadership, after consulting at length with MTNA attorneys, strongly believes that the settlement by consent decree was the best option for MTNA and its members. Once the consent decree is approved by the FTC, MTNA members will receive additional information about the terms of the settlement.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Honors Recital, Sunday April 6, 3:00 p.m.—The Church of the Intercession has been secured for the WMTA/WSMA Honors Recital. There is no cost for students of SPAMTA members to participate, submission deadline is April 1, 2014. Each student will be able to perform one (1) piece. It was the consensus of the group that SPAMTA will not host a reception following the recital. The application form is available on the SPAMTA website (click on the “Student Activities” tab). In lieu of a ‘cash donation’ to the church, it was decided by the group that SPAMTA will cover the tuning of the piano.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. SPAMTA Scholarship—Max Kopchinski College Scholarship, Julia Weiser Education Grant and the SPAMTA Continuing Education Grant applications are available on the SPAMTA website (click on the tab “Scholarships”).

b. MTNA Vivace Presentation—Gail Heywood will presenting a workshop on Saturday, February 22, 2014 entitled, “Developing A Successful Studio” at 1:00 p.m. in Room 340 of the Noel Fine Arts Center. All are welcome to attend.

C. Upcoming Calendar

- i. March 5, 10:00 a.m. WMTA Auditions Work Meeting
- ii. March 15th—WMTA Auditions (UW-Stevens Point)
- iii. April 6th—WMTA/WSMA Honors Recital 3 p.m.
- iv. April 9th—SPAMTA meeting, presenter—Molly Roseman
- v. May 10—WMTA Badger Non-Keyboard Competition, UW-Stevens Point
- vi. May 14th—SPAMTA spring luncheon, officer elections
- vii. May 17th—WMTA Badger Keyboard Competition, UW-Stevens Point

ADJOURN—Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. January program topic was “Mobile Devices and the Modern Teacher”.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail A. Heywood, NCTM
President, Stevens Point Area MTA