



Stevens Point Area Music Teachers

APRIL 8, 2015 MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Gail Heywood at 10:12 a.m. Present were: Eddie Brown, Jenny Burton, Gail Heywood, Judy Meyer and Mary Thomas.

Agenda was ratified by consensus.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not available.

I. REPORTS OF OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. President (Gail Heywood)—MTNA national elections were held in February. Results were announced and ratified at the MTNA Conference: President-elect, Scott McBride Smith, Vice-President, Karen Thickstun, Sylvia Coates, Secretary/Treasurer. A summary of sessions attended at the 2015 conference was shared with the group (these included forums on membership, local associations and college faculty forum). Issues discussed at the local association forum related to membership recruitment and retention, how to market your local association—tell prospective members about the great discounts available through MTNA membership (visit the ‘members only’ page). Discussion also involved inviting new members to meetings, involving college students in meetings, volunteerism (making ‘helping hands’ look more appealing!) and other ways to collaborate with the collegiate chapters and include them in group projects. College faculty addressed issues connected to adjunct faculty, how to have a career and family, budget cuts, how younger faculty can approach getting positions. The 2015 WMTA State conference will be held on October 23-24 at the Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan. Guest artist is Panayis Lyras (Van Cliburn Silver Medalist). Look for the mailing to be sent out sometime in May—there will be a judging workshop and there will also be a one day conference rate available. A reminder that SPAMTA does have a teacher enrichment grant that can assist you in financing your attendance at a state or national conference. Also—both MTNA and WMTA set up ‘roommate list’ to also ease some of the burden of hotel costs. If there enough of us interested in attending, perhaps we can carpool. June 5 WMTA Administrative Council Meeting, Waunakee. Agenda will include discussion on the Ovation program, 2015-2016 state budget, bylaws and constitution revision and membership recruitment.
- B. Vice-President, Jenny Burton: April 19th the Aber Suzuki Center students will be participating in the CWSO Concert “By The People~For The People”.
- C. Treasurer, Judy Meyer: Current treasury stands at slightly over \$3,000.00
- D. District Auditions, Mary Hofer: Not present/no report.

II. OLD BUSINESS

- a) **2014 Fall Festival**—Our 30th Fall Festival was held November 1st; we had 74 students participate (piano, voice, strings). This number is down 25% from 2013. Members brainstormed ideas on how to increase attendance.
- b) **2015 SPAMTA Scholarships/Teacher Enrichment/Summer Camp Scholarships**—Deadline to sign up for these May 1, 2015. Applications are available on the SPAMTA website. SPAMTA received a \$100.00 donation from Mary Stevens (Marshfield) for our Scholarship fund.

- c) **Community Outreach Recitals**—SPAMTA held two recitals (December and February) at the Riverview Lodge Assisted Living Facility. These were short, thirty minute recitals and the residents enjoyed the students' performances (one teacher's studio participated). A third one is slated for May 21 in Mosinee. Contact Jenny Burton for more information.
- d) **Communications/Publicity**—Press release with photo was sent to Stevens Point area news sources following the 2014 Fall Festival. Periodic updates have been done to the SPAMTA Facebook page (38 likes) and the SPAMTA website (documents uploaded as needed).

III. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Nominations for SPAMTA Executive Officers 2015-2016 (FY)—terms will begin on July 1, 2015. The following members were nominated for office: Gail Heywood (President), Jenny Burton (Vice-President), Heather Wagner (Secretary), Judy Meyer (Treasurer). Online elections will take place beginning May 1st with results announced at the May meeting.
- B. Membership retention/volunteerism: Discussion on ways to attract and retain new members and increase attendance in SPAMTA sponsored activities.

IV. Announcements

1) Upcoming Calendar

- **May 1**—submission deadline for SPAMTA scholarships—see our website for forms
- **May 13**—Spring meeting, officer elections (10:30 a.m.—time change!!). Luncheon at the Hilltop Pub & Grill
- **May 16**—WMTA Badger Keyboard Competition [UW-Stevens Point]
- **June 5**—WMTA Board meetings all day [Waunakee]

Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Presentation by Eddie X. Brown “The Elements of Music: Fire, Earth, Air, Water” was given after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail

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SPAMTA President