

Minutes of North DeKalb MTA meeting August 20, 2009

Kathy Ackermann called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at Cambridge Academy. The minutes of the April, 2009 meeting were read by Glen Eckman and approved as read.

Margaret Liu presented the Treasurers Report. She reported that the Vanguard account made money. Deposits to the general operating account included member dues and ads for the member yearbook. Expenditures were for the program on Fauré, Teacher of the Year, GMTA ads, name tags, and yearbook printing. We still have a \$6000+ balance.

Next Kathy thanked LaNelle Nash and Frances Yao for their hospitality. Guests and possible new members attending were Chunghee Park, Thomas McDowell, and Julie Vann.

Old Business:

LaNelle Nash installed Eriko Ishikawa as President-elect.

Catherine Rollin Workshop:

Gayle Vann reported on the Catherine Rollin Workshop for September 17, 2009. It will take place at Northminster Presbyterian Church in Alpharetta. Music and Arts will provide all refreshments and music for sale. Georgia Suite will be featured. We paid \$700 and owe \$500 which covers the commission and workshop fee. Winners from the September 12 competition will be notified that day. Teachers will sign up today for the masterclass. LaNelle will notify teachers of the participants. The new website has the information and schedule for the event.

There will be no business meeting at the September 17 workshop event.

Sonata Competition:

Eriko Ishekawa reminded us that the deadline to enter is September 15, 2009. The competition will be held on Saturday, October 17, at Piano Works in Duluth. The Winners Recital will be on Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 pm in the Recital Hall at Piano Works.

Complete sonatas/sonatinas or single movements may be entered. There are no changes for the prize money. Sonatinas are not limited to dead composers; Suite Georgia is allowed. Rwei Hao asked if one student can enter complete sonatina in one event and a single movement in another event. Yes, she can. Schedule will be set two weeks before the event.

GMTA Local Auditions:

Kathy announced that the outstanding performers from local auditions will play at Kennesaw State University this year. Friday will be the day. All forms and information are in the yearbook. Each teacher will prepare three separate checks: student local entry fees; \$21.00 pays for state audition; one check from teacher for teacher fees.

There will be four judges: Geoffrey Haydon, Sergio Gallo, Peggy Lee, and Jackie Reid. Please note the requirements for both time limits and repertoire.

The senior and junior scholarship entrants will play for the same judge. The winner and second place to get the money.

Frances Yao suggested to remind the state chairman to email.

Music Marathon:

Discussion was started about the proceeds from the upcoming music marathon. Kathy motioned to use fifty percent of the proceeds as a donation to the MTNA Foundation. LaNelle seconded and the motion was voted down. Jean Champness recommended a committee be formed to discuss the distribution.

The committee includes Kathy, Margaret, Julie Soh-Harbin, and Glen.

Concerto Competition:

Eriko presented information about the concerto competition with Gwinnett Symphony Orchestra. The application deadline is December 11, 2009. The competition is open to all students of teachers in GMTA. There is no age limit for entrants. The concerto is the Mozart Concerto No. 23 in A Major, K. 488. Students will enter either the first and second movements or second and third movements. There is a thirty-five dollar fee. Preliminary audition is Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the New School of Music in Lilburn. Final audition is Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at Berkmar High School's band room. There will be three winners to perform the concerto with the symphony. First concert is Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Gwinnett Performing Arts Center and second concert on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Hebron Baptist Church in Dacula.

New Business:

Ensemble Olympics:

Our Ensemble Olympics will be Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Piano Works. Information is in yearbook.

GMTA Theory Test:

Gayle Vann is on the state committee for theory. We may now decide when to administer the theory test. It may be done anytime before March 15. Gayle said it would be better not to have the test on the same day as local auditions.

Last year's test is available online at georgiamta.org. There are minor changes to the curriculum. Gayle can set up private times to help teachers prepare students for the upcoming test.

Announcements:

Raisa Parmentier presented information on the Summer Academy in Germany: Summer in Regensburg. This is available to students studying strings and piano. The session is two weeks of intensive study. Raisa had a handout for more information.

Kathy announced that Steinway has a grant for four-hundred dollars. There are ten grants available with eight being for teacher education or students. A two-hundred-fifty word essay about teaching or student's background is the requirement to apply.

The 2010 Bach Competition will be chaired by Glen Eckman.

Certification will be changing to new program in January 2010. Please see mtna.org for a Powerpoint presentation outlining the new program. There will be a panel at the GMTA Conference on Friday afternoon discussing the new program.

MTNA Competition application deadline is September 15, 2009 and online only. The competition is November 2 through November 5.

Margaret suggested our nomination for association of the year.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Eckman