

Minutes of North DeKalb MTA meeting October 15, 2009

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

Margaret Liu presented the Treasurers Report. She reported that two deposits resulting from new members or renewals were made in September and October. The expenditures included expenses from the Catherine Rollin Workshop, President's GMTA Conference fee, and general operation expenses. The report was approved.

Kathy thanked Portia Hawkins and Allison Boyd for their hospitality.

Old Business:

Sonata Competition:

Eriko Ishekawa reported that there are two-hundred-seventy-two entries for the sonata/sonatina competition this year. Rwei Hao and Julie Vann completed the schedule for the auditions. A single movement from Beethoven's "Moonlight" Sonata may be entered in the upper-intermediate category.

Lois Finlay suggested that the repertoire be published in our yearbook every year.

A little over \$4,000 dollars has been received in entry fees for the competition. \$2,100 dollars will be awarded in prizes. \$1,500-\$1,600 estimated to pay six judges.

Gayle Vann recommended that we should award more money to students rather than accumulate money. The fees received for the competition more than pay for the prizes and other expenses. The Vanguard Fund has not been accessed for any money because the competition has been self-sufficient with money received from student fees.

Margaret suggested that a committee be formed and look at past competitions to budget prizes for future competitions. Kathy Ackermann remarked that we could have dramatic expenses in the future.

After much discussion within the group, Lois motioned to have \$1,000 more allocated for additional prize awards at Gayle's discretion. This will be for this year only. Jean Champness seconded the motion and the motion was passed.

Future competition awards will be decided after the committee presents a budget based on previous competitions.

Music Marathon:

Glen Eckman reminded the group of the deadline for the Music Marathon. Additional registration forms were available for teachers who had not yet copied them from the yearbook. The deadline is Thursday, November 19, 2009.

Concerto Competition:

Eriko reminded everyone of the age limit for the competition. The limit is ages seven to eighteen year-old. There will be two winners selected. The teacher is to supply the second piano (orchestral) accompaniment for his/her student's audition.

Ensemble Olympics:

Leslie Kennedy and LaNelle Nash will speak about this at next month's meeting.

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New Business:

Kathy suggested that we postpone our nomination for Local Chapter of the year until we have established a better and more extensive history of donating to the MTNA Fund. Perhaps we can nominate next year after we have donated this year and next.

Announcements:

Glen suggested that the meeting be available on the website for members to read before the next month's meeting. Any corrections will be noted at the next meeting and the minutes approved. The final approved minutes will then be posted for the archive. This was seconded by Gayle, voted and approved.

Glen announced the winners from the Decatur Music Teachers Association, Jo Evans Competition.

First Place - Derek Vann (student of Lois Finlay); Second Place - Jesse Zhao (student of Ping Xu); and Third Place - Eric James (student of Lisa Gaal).

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Eckman