

Minutes of North DeKalb MTA meeting February 18, 2010

-Kathy Ackermann called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. at Cooper Music's Liberty Theatre.

-The minutes of the January 2010 meeting were read and approved.

-Margaret Liu presented the Treasurer's Report. Margaret reported the income realized this past month was from the Music Marathon and Ensemble Olympic events.

Speakers' Fees for Meetings:

Lois brought to everyone's attention the fact that some other chapters pay more to the speakers for their programs. Lois suggested that we pay two-hundred dollars to each speaker for the program he/she presents. Margaret pointed out that there is a limit to that expense in our by-laws. For the by-laws to be changed, there will need to be a formal proposal presented and then voted by members. Because of the size of the group that presented the program in February, Lois motioned that we increase the fee to two-hundred dollars for that meeting to help offset their expenses. The motion was seconded and passed.

Kathy thanked Eriko Ishikawa and Glen Eckman for their hospitality.

Old Business:

Local Auditions:

Gayle reported there were ninety-nine students participating from seventeen teachers for the auditions. Rwei Hao has almost finished the schedule. Five students sent resumes for the scholarship audition. There will be four judges for the auditions with judge 'D' being the scholarship judge in the recital hall. Gayle will email monitors their assignments for the day. All rules were adhered to.

Concerto Competition

Eriko reported that the auditions were held on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at the New Music School in Dunwoody, Ga. The two judges were Dr. Sergio Gallo (GSU) and Michiko Otaki (Clayton State University). There were twelve students who played in the first round. The finalists for the first movement are as follows: Brandon Hou (Fred Hsiang), Jasmine Kim (Yoonah Oh), and John Koh (Yoonah Oh). The finalists for the second movement are the following: Eric James (Lisa Gaal), Mai Nojima (Eriko Ishikawa), and Richard Wan (Lois Finlay).

The second round is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at Berkmar High School with the orchestra starting at 7:15 p.m. for all six soloists.

New Business:

Bach Competition

Gayle motioned for Glen to draft a proposal for an additional \$1,000 to be awarded as prizes for all categories in this year's Bach Competition. The total amount to be considered now is \$2,500 for cash awards. Kathy seconded and the motion passed. The committee is Glen, Lois, and Margaret. The proposal will be presented at the March meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Eckman