

Minutes of North DeKalb MTA meeting January 21, 2010

-Kathy Ackermann called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. at Cambridge Academy.

-The minutes of the November, 2009 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions as posted on the website.

-Margaret Liu presented the Treasurers Report. Portia Hawkins made a motion for Margaret to pay the expense of piano tuning on a regular schedule for the piano used at Cambridge Academy for NDMTA programs. Motion was seconded by Jean Champness and the motion carried.

President's Convention Expense:

Kathy brought to everyone's attention the fact that the allowance that NDMTA has for convention expenses is far too low, considering the fact that there is no allowance for travel expenses or lodging. Gayle Vann made a motion that NDMTA will cover one-hundred percent of the convention fees and will also cover fifty percent of all travel and accommodation expenses. Margaret seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Kathy thanked Sally Mitchell and Rwei Hao for their hospitality.

Old Business:

Ensemble Olympics:

Leslie Kennedy reported that all applications are in. LaNelle Nash ordered one hundred, sixty-five medals. There are three recital times: 1:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., and 3:15 p.m. The recitals will be at Piano Works. Leslie added that the program information should be online.

Local Auditions:

Gayle reported that the postmark deadline for applications is February 13, 2010. All three checks must be submitted with the applications. The auditions will be on March 13, 2010 at Piano Works. The State Auditions for NDMTA students is Friday, April 16, 2010 at Kennesaw State University with the exception of Seniors (12th grade) and concerto competition participants, who will have auditions on Saturday, April 17 2010. The postmark deadline for the theory test is February 1, 2010 and the test is February 20, 2010. The test will be delivered at Gayle's home studio. The cost is ten dollars to enter. Send applications to Gayle instead of Rwei Hao.

The Junior/Senior Scholarship prizes will be five-hundred dollars for first place and three-hundred dollars for second place. All applicants must have a resume with no names. The resume is to summarize events, awards, goals, and plans to spend the money.

There is one judge to hear the candidate. The student must have entered some other event between March 1, 2009 and March 13, 2010. This event could have been the Sonata Competition, Jo Evans Competition, Federation, etc. The judge likes to have five minutes to read the resume before the student plays.

New Business:

Website:

It was agreed at the meeting that the website needs to have a tab specifically for forms that the group uses throughout the year.

Vladislov Kovalsky Program:

Raisa Parmentier said that the Kovalsky presentation and masterclass will be January 14, 2011. His presentation will be one of the history of the piano and piano performance through the twenty-first century.

Steinway Piano Galleries will cover the cost for the recital and will be hosting the events at their store. The recital is set for Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Atlanta Music Teachers and North Fulton Music Teachers will help us sponsor the masterclass and airfare for Mr. Kovalsky.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen Eckman