

## Northeast Wisconsin Piano Teachers Forum

December 6, 2019

### Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order AT 9:00 AM
2. November, 2019 minutes were approved
3. Vice President's Report

No meeting in January

Feb meeting: Kautsky (Lawrence University). Lecture: Part II: Debussy and Impressionism

March Meeting: Justin Kreuger (St. Norbert College) Lecture: "Technology: Smart Phones, Tablets and Chocolate Cake"

April Meeting: UWGB Pedagogy students presentations

May Meeting: Michael Rivers (Lawrence Academy) Lecture/ Demonstration. Specific Topic TBA

June: Annual Brunch

4. There was no Treasurer's report this month

A. Update and Discussion on Gathering. Generally, it was agreed that we would contribute financing and personnel to a collaborative project in Fall 2021. Suggestions for projects were given to Barb Hay to present to the Gathering in January. Forum discussion continued on topics for agenda discussion items for the Gathering. The previously suggested topics were narrowed down to: 1. Mentoring of new teachers and potential teachers. 2. Attraction and retention of area teachers to supportive community teaching groups.

B. Festival. Numbers of both festivals were average compared to the past few years. 13 teachers participated in each festival. We saved lots of money by hosting them on the same day. The timing of simultaneous festivals proved very difficult for the logistics as well as having time to prepare students for All Star which is normally held in February. The Committee will continue to explore the calendar.

Channon agreed to draft 2 letters. 1. A general letter about our festivals and costs that teachers could opt to give to their studios. The letter would explain expenses and in general pitch for funding. 2. A redo of the letter distributed at the Classical Festival Recital soliciting scholarship donations.

Two donations were given this year at The Baroque Festival. 1. Dr. Fergus donated \$100.00 towards costs. 2. The costs of the third prizes for Baroque Festival winners was donated anonymously.

Barb Hay and Maggie Channon visited Fox Valley Music Teachers Association in November and pitched the festivals that have been opened to non members. There was enthusiasm and curiosity. They were especially interested in the Composition events for all Star and the appeal of a Festival in the Fall rather than the Spring. (All Star was in the Fall this year). They reciprocated with pamphlets about their

Young Artist's Competition (concerto). The two plan to do a similar program for Oshkosh Area Piano Teachers.

#### 6 New Business.

A. There was general support for continuing the Holiday Mall Performances next year.

B. Carol Borremans will investigate The Forum advertising in programs of other community groups or becoming patrons for inclusion in performance programs.

#### 7. Announcements

A. The Forum wishes to thank Sue Romey for her donation of an add in the Green Bay Boys and Girls Club program. This has been an annual gift and we greatly appreciate it.

b. Deb Teegarden announced the Annual Christmas Concert of The Chantelles. Thu. Dec 12 at 7:00 at Bethel Lutheran and Sat. Dec 14 at 2:00 at New Hope Presbyterian. Non perishable food items or monetary donations are welcome.

Incredible food and merriment followed at the annual Holiday pot luck.

And to All a Good Night,

Maggie Charnon, recording secretary