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Meeting Minutes

February 14th, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Heidi Koeberl. The meeting took place at New Hope Presbyterian Church. Members present were Heidi Koeberl, Heidi Lueck, Michael Rector, Kay Busse, Rebecca Proefrock, Rachel Yanke, & Deb Teegarden

The minutes from the December meeting were approved.

Vice President's Report: Michael Rector - The next Forum meeting is 9:00 am Friday March 28th at UWGB. Following will be a presentation by Geoffry Duce on piano technic for students. On Saturday, March 29th there will be a Piano Day at UWGB. All Forum members are welcome to attend. More info can be found on the UWGB website.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Busse - Balance on hand January 31, 2025 is \$ 7,314.37

Scholarship Committee: Kay Busse - There are \$500 scholarships available for any senior majoring in piano, and \$250 for any minoring in piano. In addition, there are also scholarships for summer camps available.

Festival Committee: All Star forms are due to Maggie Charnon on or before Friday, March 21st. The forms are available on the website. All Star Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 12th at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 347 Libal St. in De Pere. The Honors Recital is that evening.

Nominating Committee: Heidi Koeberl – Kay has agreed to continue as Treasurer. We are still in need of a new Vice President.

TLC: Rachel Yanke – Sympathy and get-well cards were sent to Abby, Karen & Kay

Old Business: There was no old business

New Business: There was a discussion about ways to increase membership. Heidi Lueck suggested we look into the possibility of recording our programs, if the presenter allows. Being able to access these interesting events on their own schedule might encourage our teachers who work during the day at schools or elsewhere, to join. She also suggested that perhaps having meetings in the evening might help membership. She will put together a survey for these ideas, to get feedback.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41. Following was an energetic and inspiring presentation by Jess Johnson: "All Hands On Keys: Strategies for Teaching Students With Small Hands ". Jess is a Professor of Piano and Piano Pedagogy at UW- Madison.

Submitted by Deb Teegarden

"substitute" secretary for Maggie Charnon