

STXSA General meeting minutes

January 27, 2019

3 pm, Tallowood Baptist Church

In attendance: Meredith Harris, Elisabeth Hope, Rachel Carlton, Diana Quam, Claire Eary, Danette Schuh, Mary Bell, Daphnee Johnson, Kaori Matsui, Laura Azuaje, Linda Branch, Aimee Petersen

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Minutes of the last meeting. Danette moved that we waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Vote passed.
3. Treasury report. Rachel Carlton is new treasurer.
 - a. Checking: \$21,648.75
 - b. CD \$4,331.88. Renews April 22.
 - c. Paypal treasurer@stxsa.org (active account) \$343.08
 - d. Working on being able to take cards at events. Setting up PayPal card readers.
 - e. 1099's have been sent.
4. Membership
5. Event chair reports
 - a. Spring Workshop: Claire. Terry Durbin is one of the BEST group class teachers in the country. Teacher workshop for any instrument, but student classes for violin only. Discount for multiple classes. Teacher form: sign up for the luncheon.
 - b. Ribbon Festival: Aimee Peterson. Going to be at Tallowood. Our version of solo and ensemble, blended with a recital. All kids stay in the room the whole time so they can observe the whole time. Gives students the opportunity to perform and get constructive feedback right away from the judges, plus observe the other students' performances and hear their feedback. All ages. Pretwinkle through book 10 and beyond. You can have ensembles. If you only have 2-3 kids that sign up, you'll be combined with another teacher with a smaller number of students. Bring your own pianist. All kids get a medal. Teacher prints comment sheets and brings them with them.
 - c. Graduation: Danette reported for Teresa Hakel and Amy Mathis. Students can record on voice memo, garage band, or fancy recording equipment. Improves their self-evaluation skills. Record until they're happy with it, then send to the teacher. If the teacher is happy with it, approve burning it to the CD. Graduation concert is beautiful, with pieces played at a very high level. Students get a fancy graduation certificate.
 - d. SPA with Rick Mooney: February 9-10. Deadline to sign up is February 1. 8 spots remaining. At Parker Elementary. \$190 to register. This is NOT a class you can take in the summer. Only offered during the year. Requirements: you

have to have completed book 1 training. Pre-course and post-course assignments. Self-evaluation. Not about WHAT you're teaching; more about HOW you're teaching it. How fast to move students through pieces, general approach to how you teach, Bob Duke *Intelligent Music Teaching* chapters.

6. New Business

- a. SAA chapter Affiliate report: Meredith submitted in October.
- b. PO Box and Storage Unit: PO box is the official address for all forms to be sent for insurance, taxes, SAA, workshop registrations, etc. Storage unit is repository for STXSA items. Mary Bell has the key for the storage unit. Event chairs can get the items they need for workshops, etc.
- c. Mail Chimp Newsletter: the latest email went to all the teachers and parents within STXSA. Members AND non-members.

7. Member Announcements.

- a. Lisa Vosdoganes- 40th Parker Workshop Celebration. February 6-8. Open for observation. Class times are 8-11:15, 12:35-2:20, 2:20-3:30 pm. Wonderful out of town faculty.
- b. Scholarships for summer institute: a partial scholarship. Priority to people who hadn't gotten a scholarship the year before. People need to fill out the whole form so the scholarship committee knows how to best use the money to help people actually go. Money goes straight to the institute.
- c. Danette's next Stage 1 training may be in June in Fort Worth or Greenville. Summer institutes Stage 1 in Japan-Seattle and San Diego. Stage 2 in Oregon.
- d. Kaori gave a concert venue idea: Children's museum Thursday evenings 5-8 (free day)- bring kids and perform on stage or in the alcove (end of the hallway).
- e. Linda Branch: looking for free or cheap location for recitals near Stafford.
 - i. Brookdale First Colony next to AMC in Sugarland- has an okay piano and recital is open to residents. Nice audience, lets you have a reception. Kathy Rupf is the event coordinator.
 - ii. Tremont
 - iii. Diana Quam's church near Stafford
 - iv. Silverado- memory care place
- f. ASTA Conference- Danette, Meredith, and Elisabeth are presenting Cabbages and Twinkles: a Western Swing and Suzuki collaboration.
- g. McKenzie's Fiddle and Suzuki workshop coming up in March (open to cello).
- h. Monthly fiddle jam session in Sugarland, 3rd Friday of every month. Dolcemusicacademy.org

- i. SAA Leadership Retreat will be in May. Partially focused on training chapter affiliates, institute directors, leaders. Over Memorial Day Weekend, Deer Creek State Park Lodge outside of Columbus, OH.

8. Group Photo