

STXSA General Meeting Minutes: June 2, 2019
Tallowood Baptist Church
2:30pm

Members present: Meredith Harris, Elisabeth Hope, Kana Kimura, Claire Eary, Julie Carlson, Mary Bell, Dennis Bell, Mayara Velasquez, Fran Koiner, Daphnee Johnson, Fiona Lofthouse, Teresa Hakel, Majka Woods, Laura Azuaje

1. Welcome
2. Minutes- Elisabeth moved to waive the reading of the minutes
3. Treasury report-
 - a. Checking: \$21,147.06
 - b. Scholarship CD: \$4,336.22
4. Membership: enrollment was up this year
5. Event chair reports:
 - a. Ribbon Festival: great numbers this year!
 - b. Graduation: Teresa reported that it was rescheduled for the following Saturday due to flooding on the original date. Fewer kids were able to attend than previously planned, but we had levels 1-3 violinist plus a violist
 - c. Year in Review and acknowledgements: thanks to our chairs this year!
6. New Business
 - a. Website updates: membership will be fully online soon. Webmaster is working on it
 - b. Fundraising:
 - i. Amazon smile- STXSA will get 1% on purchases indicated for STXSA
 - ii. HEB/ Kroger etc
 - iii. Facebook Giving Tuesday
 - iv. Majka's working on other fundraising opportunities
 - v. Idea from Danette to have a sponsor a student box on application form
 - vi. Questions we need to answer: Are our events cost prohibitive? How do we match up students with scholarships?
 - c. Leadership retreat update
 - i. Meredith and Danette presented on the STXSA Kickoff, held after Hurricane Harvey, this was subsidized by SAA and was presented as our chapter success
 - ii. Problem solving session was very informative. Meredith brought conference schedule to show class options
 - d. 2020 SAA Conference in MN
 - i. "Learning Suzuki style"
 - ii. Talked about sending students. They always need more viola/cello/bass
 - e. STXSA 2019-2020 Event Dates
 - i. STXSA Kick off- Sept. 27-29, Danette and Kaori co-chair. They are bringing in Michelle Horner, author of "Life Lens"

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- ii. Spooky Suzuki- Oct. 25, Diana is chair. Plan to have at her church Friday
- iii. Fall Workshop, Nov. 15-17, Katie is chair. Talked about cutting masterclass component to drive cost down. Claire mentioned that a masterclass is one of the main draws for the workshop. Another possibility: offer lessons with clinicians the night before for additional fees. Possibility of mariachi or fiddling component. Katie mentioned that it will likely be at same location as last year. Elisabeth asked members for leads on inexpensive locations to hold events. Majka has a student whose dad is a pastor- possibility of using that church, will report back on cost to use for an event. We specifically need a location for graduation. Mayara asked how many rooms we would need- this depends on the event. Elisabeth to email Majka, Teresa, Mayara, and Mary location needs.
- iv. Spring Workshop, Feb. 21-23. We need one more person to chair event. Terry Durbin to return after successful workshop this year. Teresa asked about the possibility of adjusting fiddle tunes to include viola/cello students. Will have teacher development on Friday, Saturday Terry will teach the kids, Sunday is the big play-in. Possibility of including other instruments on play in. Claire suggested hiring a separate cello teacher. Teresa also suggested the possibility of hiring someone to do both the Parker workshop the weekend before and then having them stay until Spring Workshop (would perhaps save some money here). Laura Azuaje said she can help provide transportation.
- v. Ribbon Festival- April 2020. Aimee Petersen and Daphnee Johnson on the committee. We will need to set a date for this
- vi. Graduation- May 2020. No one on this yet- need a chair, set final date

7. Member Announcements

- a. Fiddler's Fair-Julie Lundgren running this. Theme is "Fiddlers Go Round this Year", will focus on rounds and canons. There is swimming everyday and they provide lunch. Claire mentioned that they also get a t shirt and that Danette helps with this too. It's basically a mini-institute. Parents drop kids off and don't need to stay. There is an option to volunteer on the application but it is not required. Starts June 10, but they are still accepting applications.
- b. Hope Violin Studio's Region and All-State Camp. For violin and viola, details at hopeviolinstudio.net. Can apply online, and has faculty from HGO, Houston Ballet, and Knoxville Symphony. Students will work on the etudes and/or excerpts. Will end with a mock audition in front of peers.
- c. Katie mentions Oleg Sulyga's camp in Sugarland at St. Theresa's. Held June 3-7, in Sugarland. They have scholarships available and it's from 9-5 M-Th, 12-8 on Friday. More info at <http://sugarlandcatholic.com/2019/03/st-theresa-string-camp/>
- d. Danette Schuh, Dolce Academy, is offering summer lessons and group classes, as well as a Christmas in July workshop to learn all Christmas carols now. See her website or contact her for specific pricing. These are open to all Suzuki area students, not just students of Dolce Academy.

8. Group Picture and potluck!