

Southeast Texas Suzuki Association: General Meeting

Date: Sept 12, 2015

President: Darbi Green

Other officers: Mary Bell Treas, Kathy Larsen, Claire Eary, Carol Bettoney - members at large, Terri Matchett - past president

Minutes:

1. Regions - Group & concerts or events in regions

Group classes should sustain themselves.

Cost per student \$12.50 per class (45min-1 hr class)

Paid teachers per class (45 min-1 hr class) = \$70.00

Current Group Class Regions: Tallowood & League City

Ribbon Festival in regions

Paid teachers: \$50.00 = 1 hr

Paid Accompanist options either by each student, or enrolled in Ribbon festival student fee

Rental Space: factored into the fee for the students.

Student fee for Ribbon Festival = Teacher judge, accompanist & rental space

Suggested rate per student between \$12-\$15 per student

Current Ribbon Festival Region: Sugar Land

Regional Recitals: Suggested rate cost per student \$12.00 to cover Rental space, accompanist and rehearsal time before the concert.

Regional Spooky Suzuki: Free this year. Suggested donation \$5.00 per student

Current Spooky Suzuki Regions: Sugar Land, Cypress, Woodlands, League City

Regional Play-in: Free this year. Suggested donation \$5.00 per student

Sugarland & Cypress: Waiting on Pricing of location (Salem Lutheran Church Tomball)

Recitals: Free of charge - we can ask for donations at each. We would like to put all studio recitals on our website calendar. Please get me your dates, times, locations, and studio name asap

2. Website

Admin will put on a "re-new" button on the front page

Paypal for donations and all events on their prospective pages

3. Region chair responsibilities

a. Get their events approved by the board for cost distribution purposes & STXSA approved events

b. Will need to have training to get their events on the website calendar

c. e-mail all teachers and students their event 1 month, 1 week & 1 day before the event

- d. Send out invites, sign up for food, what to bring to the event
- e. Put on the FB page
- f. Call and or e-mail all teachers and students in their area who has lapsed membership. Will get this list from Darbi Green or Kathy Larsen in an e-mail

4. Scholarships

Andrea cannon will send me the scholarship forms and I will put on instructions and the paper form on line on the website. There will also be an on line submission avail on the scholarship page

5. Merging with pianos

Darbi will be meeting with the pianos HASPA on Sept 16th. Will invite the pianos to a piano master class with Paul Boyd in the Spring at Tallowood. Idea is a 4 hour master class. Each hour, 2-4 students will play pieces and get corrections and or critiques from Paul. Lunch in between hours. Parent lectures by a panel of pianists or selected pianists to share ideas from topics such as relaxation techniques. There will also be recitals going on during the lectures and master classes for teachers to submit their students to perform.

Student fee for the day

Parent observer fee

Member fee:

Non-member fee:

6. Workshop - Theme "Musical Tweets"

- a. Video of what a musical tweet will be. Students can put their own videos on Face book group STXSA with permission from parents, their own musical tweet. Each tweet must have good posture, intonation, a smile, & memorization of a 2 meas section from a piece.
- b. Audience "likes" or favorite musical tweets will be showcased at our Workshop on Feb 6th at the final concert. Parents who guess the music tweet performed correctly will get a free prize.
- c. Teachers teaching classes will have a box in each class to submit names of students who they feel would be nominated for a prize at the end of day concert. Drawings at the end of the day concert will include what ever donations that we get from around town, such as Symphony tickets, Ballet tickets, hotel stays, tee shirts etc. The last drawing will be a scholarship or several scholarships to students for next year's workshop. Teacher with the most students attending workshop will also get a scholarship to next year's workshop.
- d. Teachers will have the opportunity to submit videos on our Face book page (1 min max) using their favorite music aid. Favorite music aids will be at our booth at workshop for teachers to purchase.
- e. Booths of donated food /drinks from parents, music aids, sheet music, STXSA tee shirts and bags will be sold at workshop in the hall
- f. Workshop schedule:

Approx 8:30 or 9:30am Student Play in (mostly books 1-3 pieces. if there are advanced kids we will add pieces for them.

Each class will be 50 min long with 10 min in between to find classes

Each age group including pre twinkle and twinklers will be performing in the final concert at the end of the day. Because we are now affiliated with SAA and joining with all instruments of Suzuki we see it fitting to perform an ensemble concert at the end of the day to signify unity of instruments. Darbi is currently getting permission to copy music from publishers.

7. Graduation: April 30 at Rice Temple. 2:30-3:30 with rehearsal 12:30

mail in CD or mp3 sent to Fiona Lofthouse by March 11, 2016

All applications: Jan 15

Fee member \$30/ non-member \$45

Concert program will be the following pieces:

Taka taka concerto in A maj (twinklers included)

Go Tell aunt Rhody (twinklers included)

Witches Dance (books 1+)

Tango - Michael McLean (Books 4+)

Cello & Guitar ensemble piece (depending on how difficult the piece is)

Concert should only last 30 min - 45 min

Day classes: pre-twinkle/twinkle 3 classes

Books 1+ 4 classes

Each group will have an ensemble class and extra curricular class like music theory, music & movement, Music history, fiddling etc