

Board Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2020
Tallowood Baptist Church - WT 318
2:00-3:00pm

Members present: Meredith Harris, Elisabeth Hope, Claire Eary, Carol Bettoney

Meeting called to order at 2 pm

Minutes typed by Elisabeth Hope

Claire moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the last meeting, Elisabeth seconded

Treasurer report: Kaori sent out 990's and 1099's for the last fiscal year. She's working on creating the budget and putting it on a spreadsheet so that we can see everything. Some events are not intended to make money, but as a service to the community.

Website update: Zakk has finished. resting the membership system on the website. People will register for membership with their financial info in Woo Commerce and personal information in Word Press. Plug-in to connect the two is \$100. Danette and Meredith suggested that we launch it as-is and see if we really need the plug-in. Once Danette is better, she will copy the current website and try to re-create it in the one that goes live from Zakk.

Board meeting: April 26

General meeting: May 31. Election, general meeting. Try to get people coming to the meeting so they can hear what will happen next year.

Spring workshop registration is online. Katherine is catching the people who sent the registration form without the payment, or vice versa. We still need help calling people on the list to let them know about it. Violin students can come to the workshop; teachers of other instruments can attend the teacher development part. Technically the deadline for signing up is tomorrow, but this is an event that we can accept kids even at the door.

Ribbon Festival (Aimee Petersen and Daphnee Johnson, here at Tallowood). All flyers are on the website. Paper forms, sign up with studio.

Graduation we can still accept recordings. March 20 deadline. The church has proposed May 16 as the new date since they scheduled a church retirement party and can't keep our original date (May 30).

Scholarship we will find out how much \$ is in the scholarship fund from this year, Meredith will check mailbox to see if more applications came in. Committee is Danette Schuh and Mary Bell.

Storage cabinet is still in Claire's garage. Carol Bettoney will take this on as a project after hearing the dimensions and making sure it will fit in her parents' Trailblazer. If you have any old

forms, notebooks, STXSA papers at home, please bring it and pass it along to the storage unit so we have an archive of STXSA things.

Chamber workshop clinic before solo and ensemble, to provide a service for middle- and high-schoolers? Ribbon Festival should be a good one for the older kids too. MARKET RIBBON FESTIVAL TO THE ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS.

Bylaws review/changes needed:

- Bi-annual vs. biennial
- Typos
- Number of meetings per year

Elections 2020-2021

- Nominating committee: Dennis Bell
- Claire will roll off the board as past-president, Meredith will roll into past-president position
- Elisabeth will be assumed to be running for president
- Kaori will be assumed to be running for treasurer
- Katie will be assumed to be running for secretary
- Positions open for nominations: vice president, members at large. Members at large who have served consecutive terms may consider rolling off the board to open up a spot for someone new. 7 or 9 members of the board will be ideal.
- For nominations, email Dennis at mdbell@windstream.net

STXSA 2020-2021 events

- **Survey** to find out what people want/need from STXSA. What are your strengths? Do you feel like you could be in charge of an event? Be a helper? Photography?
- To continue to thrive, we will need fundraising, or events to make more money. Carol-knit bow buddies? Sonia's earrings/ornaments
- Claire: likes the big workshop, but none of her students do. They're not interested because of cost and time commitment. They like spring workshop because they can sign up for 1-2 hours and don't have to commit the whole day. She really likes kickoff. Introduction to everything, learn about all the events, etc.

New business:

- McKenzie's Fiddle and Suzuki workshop March 27-28
- Houston Suzuki Institute 2020

Action items:

- **Board Members: read/review the bylaws. Make notes of what we might want to change.**
- **Survey: Elisabeth and Meredith**
- **Cabinet: Carol**

- **Budget: Kaori**
- **Board Member: Invite people to spring workshop**
- **Ask teachers to turn their stxsa stuff into the storage unit**

Board meeting is concluded at 3:00