

General Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2020
Tallowood Baptist Church - WT 318
3:00-4:00pm

Members present: Meredith Harris, Elisabeth Hope, Claire Eary, Carol Bettoney, Lyssa Whitson, Mayara Velasquez, Aimee Petersen, Mary Bell, Dennis Bell, Teresa Hakel.

Minutes taken by Elisabeth Hope

Meeting called to order at 3:06 pm.

Claire moved to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Carol seconded. Minutes can be read in a past email, and many past minutes are available online.

Kaori was voted in as the interim treasurer. New election will be May 31. She sent a spreadsheet of last year's (2018-2019) events to show how much profit or loss for each event. We'll have a full budget a little later so we can see numbers as we make decisions for events in 2020-2021.

Online membership on website: the webmaster has it set up where all the personal information can come in on Wordpress and financial information can come in on WooCommerce. There is a plugin available to combine the two but we will try it as-is for now. In the fall, all our families will register for membership online. Students will sign up at the beginning of the year, and their membership will run through the end of the school year. Teacher memberships will renew each year at the time when the member originally joined.

Event updates:

- Board meeting: April 26 (Skype)
- General meeting and pot-luck: May 31 (at Tallowood)
- Spring workshop with Terry Durbin- Teachers Feb 21-23, students Feb 22. Online signup. Teacher development for all instruments, free for STXSA members.
 - Group games for all levels
 - Students: sign up online. Encourage your students to sign up as soon as possible, but the Feb 10 deadline is a soft deadline for this one.
 - If the student comes and wants to stay for another class, they can pay their money then. We can accept cash, check, or paypal at the door.
- Ribbon festival- April 18. Aimee still needs one full-day judge or two half-day judges.
- Graduation- Deadline March 20, concert date pending (the church emailed and asked to see if we could change the date. Trying to confirm whether May 16 will work for all the teachers and students who are signed up.) St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Don't park on the lot facing Buffalo Speedway

- Scholarship- App deadline feb 3. Danette Schuh and Mary Bell will be reviewing the applications.

2020-2021 STXSA events

- Watch for a survey coming soon via email to give feedback on which events will be most helpful for you and your students

Biennial Election

- Elections on May 31 (every two years): Dennis Bell is the nominating committee. mdbell@windstream.net to nominate someone (including yourself)
- Claire rolling off the board
- Meredith rolling to past-president position
- Elisabeth assumed running for President
- Kaori assumed running for Treasurer
- Katie Carrington assumed running for secretary.
- Vice-president position is open
- Some Board Member at-large positions are open

Conference: STXSA has three students participating in the conference orchestras this year, and our chapter will be represented (Meredith co-coordinating chapter sessions)

New Business:

- McKenzie's Fiddle and Suzuki Workshop March 27-28
- Houston Suzuki Institute 2020 June 8-12, 2020
- Fiddler's Fair (Spring Branch) June 15-19, 2020