



**Southeast Texas
Suzuki Association
Board Meeting Minutes
August 10th, 2023 9am
Zoom**



- I. Welcome.
- II. Reading of Minutes.
- III. Treasury Report.
 - o Bank Balance: 20,285.33 CD: 4,425.52
- IV. Fall Workshop
 - o Location- Don't have one- Ideas?
 - o Create your own model means flexibility
 - o Can't accept applications until Sept 1 because of membership system
- V. General Meeting
 - o August 20th 3-4pm
 - o 2818 Eagle Street or on Zoom
 - o Phone class/text invites from board members
- VI. 2024 Events
 - o January 14th: General Meeting
 - o Spring Workshop: February 17th- Lois Geertz
 - o SAA Conference: March 20-23 Louisville, KY
 - o Ribbon Festival: April 13th- Ed Harper
 - o Graduation: May 4th- Texted Aimee
 - o May 19th- Pool Party at Lois'

Minutes.

Members present:

Katherine Sullivan, president, Mayara Vazquez, vice president, Katie Carrington, secretary, Meredith Harris, past president, Danette Warren, member at large.

II. Meredith motions to waive reading of the minutes, Danette seconds. Motion Passes.

III. Treasury report. Everything has been paid from last year. We are at about break even for the year. CD- should we renew? Danette mentions that it is a restricted fund. She thinks we should keep it where it is. This money is the Ethan Atkinson fund for a guitar student to attend institute. Renewal date is rolling at the moment. Danette motions that we renew the CD at the highest but reasonable interest rate- recommendation is to be able to use the money in 3 years or under. Katie seconds, motion passes. All in favor, everyone agrees.

IV. Fall Workshop

Location issue. Chapelwood is not responding. Trying to have it in the western Houston area. Tallwood is an idea. St. Thomas Episcopal. Choose your own adventure. Meredith suggests Rice Temple Baptist. Katie to contact at FCC.

We can't accept applications until Sept. 1 because of how our membership works. Applications will be accepted until the day before the event because it is a choose your own adventure.

Faculty will be local teachers.

V. General meeting is Aug. 20th. Board should give a personal nudge to each member.

VI. Events

Scholarship- one person applied. Will do the same this year. Application March 1.

Fall workshop is the only thing in the Fall.

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Meredith asks about committee members for each event. Has not been finalized yet- will ask at August meeting.

Danette asks that the scholarship recipient send a few sentences/pictures about her experience at institute.

Discussion about whether we should ask specifically for scholarship funds on applications. However, we can reallocate funds with a board vote. People are usually more likely to donate when it's for a specific thing. We will have a specific ask for scholarship vs. general fund. Will then have metrics about what people donated more to.

Maya can write about attending institute.

Parent night- having guest speakers via zoom. Maya has a few contacts. Katie suggests Michelle Horner. Grazzia Sagastume suggested as a speaker as well. Discussion about whether there should be a small donation to attend the parent night. Katherine suggests free for members, \$10 for non-members. Then space to add a donation if they want. October suggested. Discussion about offering the recording to watch asynchronously. Maya to reach out to Grazzia about whether she'd be interested/available. Suggestion of a week night vs. weekend. Approximately an hour. Ask her what material she'd like to speak on. Everyone that attends gets an entry into the ribbon festival raffle.

Emme is working on a mailing with all 23-24 dates. Vistaprint will address and mail them.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39.

