



**Southeast Texas  
Suzuki Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 8th, 2022 11am  
Zoom**



- I. Welcome.
- II. Reading of Minutes.
  - **Waived reading of minutes of last meeting. Danette moved, Kaori seconded.**
- III. Treasury Report.
  - Bank Balance: 23,081.12 CD: 4,424.86
- IV. SAA Policy Governance 101: Free Training with Pat D'Ercole and Joanne Melvin
  - November 14th 11am-12:15 Central Time
  - Register here if you'd like to attend:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvduGpqD8pEtcR4hXX8TuLZshpe173qzAM?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=October%20Newsletter](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvduGpqD8pEtcR4hXX8TuLZshpe173qzAM?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=October%20Newsletter)
- V. Fall Workshop Feedback from Teachers
  - Hard weekend with church and school fall festivals
  - Teachers assumed that students could continue to sign up until the event like kick off
  - Need clearer communication to teachers if we are in danger of canceling
  - **Discussion: teachers are frustrated, this was a good wake-up call, etc.**
- VI. Scholarship Application Revamp- <https://stxsa.org/student-scholarship/>
  - Video testimonial about the value of attending Institute. Are there parents who could contribute?
    1. **Send contact info of parents who have attended institute to Katherine**
  - Online form
  - Video instead of essay?
    1. **Change the FORMAT of essay portion- option to answer questions in video or voice memo format or a pic of a student's "essay" or remarks**
  - Cost example
    1. **Need a page of FAQ's on the STXSA website**
      - a) **Costs**
      - b) **Where to go**
      - c) **How to find info**
      - d) **How institutes work (multiple children, etc.)**
  - Closest institutes
    1. **Austin will start July 19**
    2. **DFWoW canceled as of now**
    3. **Acadiana Institute in LA (start date is not an issue)**
  - **SAA should have a video about institutes (there is something in the ECC curriculum)**

- STXSA is going to make video about institutes to advertise attending institute and scholarship
- VII. Spring Workshop- Lois and Mayara
  - Partnering with Parker- STXSA pays flight, Parker organizes homestay, STXSA takes over transportation and food on Saturday morning
  - Palmer Memorial has been requested.
    1. Palmer is free to use, only have to pay security guard
  - Any venue possibilities if this falls through?
    1. Kaori will check on her group class location. Resurrection MCC, W. 11Th street. Feb 18, 8-4pm.
- VIII. Ribbon Festival- Ed Harper
  - Trial teacher block scheduling
  - Studio Group performances. Would be optional. Discussion about how to work out payment/price/trophy. Idea is to have a small bump in fee to pay for this. Example is \$18 goes to \$20.
  - April 15th, 2022. Likely at Tallowood.
- IX. Graduation- Aimee Petersen
  - New Twinkle Level-help to get people involved in graduation process early
  - Venue- no wiggle room in the budget needs to be as close to free as we can get
  - Tallowood?
  - Palmer
  - Updated website coming soon.
  - clinician- Joe Kaminsky
  - Need cello clinician
  - Feb 15 application deadline, can turn in late application.
  - March 20 recording deadline- might need to be earlier.
  - Students can sign up early and change level if needed.

January 8, General Meeting, on zoom, 2pm. Mayara will run.

Emme can update website during January/Feb.

### Action Items

1. Names and contact info of any families that have attended an institute should be sent to Katherine Sullivan so we can create a short video for social media.
2. Provide a list of pianists that can play for Ribbon Festival/other events.