



**Southeast Texas  
Suzuki Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
April 10th, 2023 2pm  
Zoom**



- I. Welcome.
- II. Members present: Katherine Sullivan, president. Ayala Velazquez, Vice President, Kaori Barvin, treasurer, Katie Carrington, secretary. Danette Warren, member at large, Meredith Harris, past president.
- III. Reading of Minutes. Meredith moves to waive, Danette seconds. Motion passes.
- IV. Treasury Report.
  - o Bank Balance: 24,988.50 CD: 4,425.22
  - o Looks higher because we have taken in money for Ribbon/graduation, have yet to pay out anything.
- V. Admin Assistant, Cost of Living Adjustment
  - o Currently at \$15
  - o \$15 in 2020 dollars is \$17.50 currently
  - o Propose new hourly rate as \$18 for 23-24 School year
  - o Katie makes motion to pay \$18/hour. Danette seconds, motion passes.
- VI. What's holding students back from attending workshops? many reasons listed in chat
- VII. Discussion followed- parent Ed/teacher Ed. Getting schedule done early. Teachers requiring STXSA event attendance. Making promotional video (board).
- VIII. What could we try next year as a response? Shorter workshop hours- allows us to keep cost/time commitment down. Kids self select group classes. Similar calendar. Katie suggests online teacher development about parent Ed. Idea of having something for kids/teachers/parents at each event.
- IX. How do we connect our Houston Area Suzuki Community?
- X. 23-24 Calendar
  - o Calendar to be approved by email taking into account feedback from discussion. Put out timings as well as dates. 3 hour student time, hour before and after for set up.
  - o Danette motions to do one event in the fall. Katie seconds.
  - o Rebrand workshop as kickoff?
  - o Idea of keeping the same dates every year.
  - o September 30th for Fall Workshop
- XI. End of year events
  - o Ribbon Festival April 15th Chapelwood United Methodist Church
  - o Graduation May 6th at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church
  - o May 21th 4pm General Meeting and Pool Party at Lois Geertz's House

**Action items:**

**Board members record 15-30 second video about why you are passionate about STXSA/Suzuki method.**

**Due April 14! Send to Danette!**