



**Southeast Texas
Suzuki Association
General Meeting Agenda
August 18th, 2024
La Madeleine Town and Country
Village**



I. Welcome.

Attendance:

President- Mayara Velasquez

Vice President- Lois Geertz

Secretary- Katie Carrington

Treasurer- Francie McClean

Member at Large- Danette Schuh

Past President- Katherine Sullivan

Emily Richardson, Claire Eary, Lauren Haley, Leticia de Oliveira , Nataly Linares, Julie Carlson, Andy Moritz, Jared Bastrow, Theresa Hakel, Cathlin Reese, Isabel Spencer, Ed Harper, Priscilla Cardenas, Meredith Bryant, Teri Matchett

II. Reading of Minutes. **Katie reads through bullet points**

III. Treasury Report.

- o Bank Balance: 18,793.09 CD: 4,426.40

IV. Board Introduction

- o President- Mayara Velasquez
- o Vice President- Lois Geertz
- o Past President- Katherine Sullivan
- o Treasurer- Frances McLean
- o Secretary- Katie Carrington
- o Member-at-large- Meredith Harris
- o Member-at-large- Danette Warren

V. Mission Statement: To foster the musical enrichment of teachers, students, parents and the community by providing opportunities that promote the Suzuki philosophy, nurturing the growth of the whole person through the study of music with the belief that all children can learn.

- o How can we help?
- o Opportunities to be involved!

VI. Events

1. Fall Festival - Natali Linares

- o September 21st 10am - 1pm
- o Emmanuel Episcopal Church 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084
- o Choose Your Own Adventure!
- o Application open August 20th
- o \$45 for Family Members, \$60 for Non-Members
- o **Early bird- register by Sept 10.**
- o Family members can join STXSA for \$18 a year!

- Faculty- Theresa Hakel, Shu-Yi Scott, Cathlin Reese, Danette Warren, Michael Fahey.
- Application is open.
- 2. STXSA Teacher Book Club - Terri Matchett**
 - October 5th, 2024 at 7pm
La Madeleine - Meyerland 4700 Beechnut St Unit 620, Houston, TX 77096
Book: Kids Aren't Lazy: Developing Motivation and Talent Through Music with Author Lauren Haley
Question about whether this is for teachers only or parents as well- Parents can join!
 - April 26th, 2025 at 7pm
La Madeleine - Meyerland 4700 Beechnut St Unit 620, Houston, TX 77096
Book: Mindset: The New Psychology of Success by Carol S. Dweck PHD
- 3. Spooky Suzuki - Julie Carlson**
 - October 25th, 2024 at 6:00pm
Rice Temple Baptist Church 6909 Greenbriar Dr, Houston, TX 77030
Suggested donation of \$10, no one turned away
Kids can dress up
Need a teacher to give a parent talk
Need a few teachers to rotate for the play in
Volunteers to stuff treat bags
- 4. Parent Night Online Series - Open Chairman Position**
 - November 7th at 7:30pm with Christine Goodner via Zoom
 - April 24th at 7:30pm via Zoom
- 5. January 12th at 4pm: General Meeting**
- 6. Institute Scholarship Deadline: February 3rd - Open Chairman Position**
Meredith Harris and Claire Eary co-chairs
- 7. Spring String Fling and Teacher Development: February 8th - typically a 2 day event. Spring workshop is more 2 hour increments, then switch classes. Smaller time commitment.** Open Chairman Position
- 8. Graduation Recording Deadline: March 17th - application deadline Oct. 30 (newly added)**
- 9. SAA Leadership Summit, Atlanta GA: March 21-22**
- 10. Ribbon Festival: April 5th - Ed Harper- students play one or 2 pieces (memorized). Location TBD, times TBD. Danette mentions- open to all ages and levels. Teachers need to provide accompaniment (either pianist or play themselves)**
- 11. Graduation: May 3rd - Terri Matchett**
- 12. May 18th: Teacher End of the Year Party/ General Meeting**

VII. Our condolences to a long time STXSA member Katie Hemphill, her mom passed away a week and half ago. Please take a moment to sign the card.

VIII. News

- The STXSA “find a teacher” page links directly to the SAA site, so teachers need to be listed on the SAA site for anyone to find them from the STXSA site.
- STXSA members are required to be current SAA members.

IX. Job Opportunity

- The Houston Youth Symphony Coda Music Program is looking for violin teachers. Coda is an after-school program that runs on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 schools in FBISD and 4 schools near downtown. Pay ranges between \$55 to \$60/h depending on experience. If interested please email Jackson Guillen at jackson@houstonyouthsymphony.org
- Claire Eary mentions there are schools in Spring Branch that are interested in hiring a violin program. Contact Claire Eary for details

VII. Lois mentions it would be helpful for teachers to take posters and hang up at violin shops, schools, etc

VIII. Ask Studio if STXSA can add them to our mailing

Meeting adjourned 4:56pm