

STXSA Board Monthly Meetup Minutes  
March 02, 2025  
On Zoom

Welcome and News!

Members present: Maya Velazquez, Frances McClean, Katherine Sullivan, Meredith Harris, Danette Warren, Katie Carrington

- I. Events: Spring Fling
  - Profit of \$313.32
  - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nlhNhX8jYv0z9HM\\_kkFb5JCgH0ItT5THtDYSHeGrmt8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nlhNhX8jYv0z9HM_kkFb5JCgH0ItT5THtDYSHeGrmt8/edit?usp=sharing)
  - Pros and Cons? **Format- worked well, (made money). This was a la carte, which brought in more money. Location was good and for a good price. Con- age difference was an issue (pre-twinkle age 3-13). This sounds like a one-time issue- no action needed on our part.**
  - Keep advertising Graduation, Ribbon Festival, Book Club, and Parent Online Series # 2. Michele Horner already signed the contract! **Posters available for these- Maya to send.**
  - **Book club- is online an option? Danette says it might be possible.**

II. Mailchimp:

- New STXSA Members: Jolisa Luekenga, Sealy area - Violin and Priscila Cardenas, Sugarland area, Early Childhood Education- **add to mail chimp, recognize Priscila in newsletter**
- Please add the following people to mailchimp: Linda Daley - parent - [Linda\\_mckeever@hotmail.com](mailto:Linda_mckeever@hotmail.com)
- What to advertise: Graduation Recording due on March 17th, Ribbon Festival, Space City Institute and new STXSA members

III. STXSA Ethan Atkinson Memorial Guitar Scholarship Fund

three options:

1. Keep the fund as is, STXSA would continue to offer a guitar scholarship for an SAA approved Summer Suzuki Institute, if and when any guitar students apply and STXSA would continue to maintain the CD as we have been.
2. Contact the SAA to see if we could transfer the fund to the SAA, giving the SAA control over managing the fund and awarding scholarships. The SAA has more money in their scholarship fund so the possibility of generating more income would be likely. We would have to keep in mind that the SAA only awards scholarships to teachers for Suzuki teacher training, so this would not be going directly to students. The fund and Ethan's name would potentially reach more people through the SAA.

3. Transfer the fund to the Austin Suzuki Guitar Institute to manage and use as they see fit. This would give the institute the ability to honor Ethan's name and work and potentially help many more students directly. The guitar institute is not yet set up as a 501c3 so we will have to research the details before closing any accounts, etc. and there are options to discuss (i.e. give \$1000 per year to the institute for 4 years or give the whole amount, etc.) but the details could be worked out if we choose to go with this option

Contacting Ethan's widow- Board should make a recommendation first, then contact Deborah.

Board votes:

Katherine motions for option 3- The Ethan Atkinson Fund to be transferred pending approval by Atkinson Family to Austin Guitar Institute. Mayara seconds, Katie thirds. All vote in favor.

Danette to contact Andrea Cannon and Ethan's widow.

Research is needed on how to transfer this.

CD matures soon.

Concern with passing on to a less established organization. Would passing it on serve the people/honor Ethan the way it was intended?

Possibility of splitting between option 2 and 3. Part to SAA and part to Austin Guitar Institute.

Propose this to the widow- see what she thinks.

Scholarships- two were awarded!

Methodology for making these decisions.

IV. STXSA Meeting:

- Sunday, March 2, Board Meeting, 12:30pm (including Monthly Meet-up)
- Sunday, March 30: Board Meeting 8:00pm Bylaw Extravaganza!
- Bylaws to be put in a google doc so all can review and make suggestions for changes
  - Pronouns, update address, add "electronic media", participation of members, number of required board meetings, quorum, what constitutes a quorum, specific duties of officers and board members. Rules about record keeping, fiscal year concerns, comparison to bylaws to

prior to 2020 when revisions happened. Danette will resend bylaws to Board.

- Sunday, April 27: Board Scheduling Monthly Meet-up, 8:30pm
- Sunday, May 4: Board Meeting, 7pm
- Sunday, June 1: Board Scheduling Monthly Meet-up, 8:30pm