



**Southeast Texas
Suzuki Association
Board Meeting Agenda
March 30th, 2025
8:00 pm CST
via Zoom**



- I. Welcome
 - A. Members present: Mayara Velasquez, president, Frances McClean, treasurer, Katie Carrington, secretary, Danette Warren, member at large, Katherine Sullivan, past president, Lois Geertz, vice president, Meredith Harris, member at large.
 - B. Meeting called to order at 8:02pm.
- II. Reading of Minutes. **Katie motions to waive, Katherine seconds, motion passes.**
- III. Treasury Report (Frances McLean, Treasurer)
 - A. Current Checking Acct Balance: \$19,852.12
 - B. CD Account Update (Ethan Atkinson Memorial Scholarship Fund)
 1. Balance: \$4,426.99
- IV. SAA Leadership Summit - Report from Danette
- V. Events and Meetings 2024-2025
 - A. Parent Night Series #1 (Chair Catherine Urban/Mayara)
 1. Report: profit \$295
 - B. Spring Fling (Rachel, chair)
 1. Report: profit \$313.32
 - C. Ribbon Festival on April 5th (Chair Ed Harper)
 - Attendance is low, 15 students
 - Plan is to just have one recital (45 min of music). Meredith will write for violin students, Ed will write for cellos. Don't need to hire outside clinicians.
 - Plan is for 10-11:30.
 - D. Book Club on April 12th at 7pm
 - E. Parent Night Series #2 on April 24th at 7:30pm. **Michele Horner to speak.** (Chair Grace Pugh)
 - F. Graduation on May 3rd (Chair Terri Matchett)
 - Location: we need a bigger venue since we have 18 graduates. Christ The King Episcopal Church is available. 15325 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77083.
 - We should get clarity on what kind of donation level they are thinking. Have the church suggest the number.
 - Pianist- Teri already has someone on the schedule. This person should get first right of refusal.

- 18 graduates! 6 students of Lois, 3 students of Katie, 3 students of Roy Calzadillas, 2 students of Katherine, 2 students of Grace, and 2 students of Mayara
- VI. Old Business: Our Google account is running out of space. To bump up our google storage as is- \$3.99 a month. Danette moves to make a personal donation to STXSA for 6 months to cover this fee so we don't lose anything. Thank you Danette!
- VII. Form 408-Lois will call them to ensure that it is being filled out correctly. Mayara contacted Elisabeth Hope about this, but was sent 802.
- VIII. New Business: Set the meeting with University of Houston to talk about starting a Partnership with them. Mayara to do.
- IX. Announcements:
- X. By-Laws were discussed, per the document.
- A. There was discussion about pronouns referring to one person specifically or people in a general sense. Found a few that were missed and changed to they/them (sections 6.07 and 6.08).
 - B. Discussion items: participation of members. Tough balance to find.

Would be good to compare with the old bylaws. Danette proposed new wording for section 3.07 "Teachers must be active STXSA teacher members for their students to participate in STXSA events. Teachers are expected to contribute to the organization in some capacity to be eligible for student participation."

Discussion of 5.10 about compensation. Directors will not be paid for serving on the board, but CAN be paid as clinicians, etc.

Meeting adjourned 10:01pm.

Action items:

1. Non-profit google account. Would need to change some domain things over to google. Would get more storage and multiple email addresses.
2. Mayara to contact UH about starting a partnership with them. Lois will also attend.
3. Danette and Katherine to update all event and membership applications forms to collect volunteer information and/or donations before the end of the year.