



**Southeast Texas
Suzuki Association
General Meeting Agenda
August 17th, 2025
La Madeleine Town and Country
Village**



- I. Welcome.
 - Members present: **Mayara Velasquez, president, Lois Geertz, vice president, Frances McLean, treasurer, Katie Carrington, secretary, Danette Warren, member at large. Claire Eary, Roy Calzadillas, Meredith Bryant, Kelly Comfort, Jisu Shin, Nataly Linares,**
 - **Meeting called to order at 4:17pm.**
- II. Reading of Minutes. **Frances moved to waive, Lois seconds, motion passes.**
- III. Treasury Report.
 - Bank Balance: \$21,062.32 CD: 4,427.29
- IV. Board Introduction
 - President- Mayara Velasquez
 - Vice President- Lois Geertz
 - Past President- Katherine Sullivan
 - Treasurer- Frances McLean
 - Secretary- Katie Carrington
 - Member-at-large- Meredith Harris
 - 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.
- VI. Events
 - Posters: **Posters 2025-2026**
 1. **Kick Off - Team Leader: Heather Davis**
 - Team:**
 - September 13th, 2025 from 11:30am **Performance first- Team leader will send rep list for performance.**
 - Typhoon Water Park 555 Katy Fort Bend, Katy, tx 77494
 - Registration closes on Sep. 6th
 - \$35 per student and parent, \$25 per teacher
 2. **STXSA Teacher Book Club - Venus Lee and Terri Matchett**
 - Fall Book Club: October 4th, 2025 at 7pm
 - Book: Beyond the Music Lesson: Habits of Successful Suzuki Families by Christine Goodner

- La Madeleine - 770 W Sam Houston Pkwy N Suite 100 Ste 100, Houston, TX 77024
- Spring Book Club: March 29th, 2026 at 7pm via Zoom
Book: This Will Help You Grow: Advice and Encouragement for Suzuki Parents by Brittany Gardener

3. Fall Festival - Team Leader:

- Team: Teresa Hakel
- October 18th 10am - 1pm
 - Emmanuel Episcopal Church 3785 Barker Cypress Rd, Houston, TX 77084
 - Choose Your Own Adventure! Yoga, Irish folk tune, cello class, viola/violin class
 - Community concert after the festival
 - Application opens in September
 - Family members can join STXSA for \$18 a year!

4. Graduation Application Deadline Oct 30th

- a. - **Team Leader: Terri Matchett**
Team: Roy Calzadillas, Jisu Shin, Shao-Chin Chen
- October 30th

5. Parent Night Online Series - Team Leader: Grace Pugh

- Team: Mayara Velasquez
- November 13th at 7:30 pm with Ruth Meints
 - April 16th at 7:30 pm with Dr. Shu-Yi Scott

6. January 25th at 4pm: General Meeting via Zoom

7. Institute Scholarship Deadline: February 2nd - Team Leader: Meredith Harris. Team: Claire Eary and Frances McLean

8. Spring String Fling and Teacher Development: February 21st

Team Leader:

Team: Julie Carlson

Location TBD- possibility it could be at UH Moores School.

10-1pm

Group classes, observation opportunity for teachers

9. Graduation Recording Deadline: March 23rd

10. Ribbon Festival: April 11th - Team Leader: Daniel Saenz

Team: Roy Calzadillas

Location- Rice Temple Baptist

11. Graduation: May 2nd - Team Leader: Terri Matchett

- a. Time- starts at 12:30, concert at 2
 - b. Location: possibility of UH Moores school
- Team: Roy Calzadillas, Jisu Shin, Shao-Chin Chen

12. Teacher End of the Year Party/ General Meeting: May 17th

a. Pool Party at Lois' House

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.
Teachers must opt in on the SAA website for it to show up.
- STXSA members are required to be current SAA members.
- UH Partnership. **Maraya and Lois had a meeting with Dr. Leslie at UH which was very positive! One idea- teachers to come in and mentor UH students. UH provided TMF tickets to STXSA members this past summer. Another idea- UH piano students play for Graduation.**
- Attendance, Volunteers - Raffle Time
 - **We need teachers to attend events! Consider studio flexibility so that students can participate in STXSA events.**
 - **Question: Can high school students volunteer? Students don't need to be members of STXSA to volunteer. Can get volunteer hours this way!**
- **Meeting adjourned at 4:55**

Association with fine people helps develop nobility and beauty of character." -Shinichi Suzuki