


**Southeast Texas
Suzuki Association
General Meeting Agenda
February 1st , 2026
La Madeleine Town and Country
Village**



- I. Welcome. Meeting called to order 4:20pm. Members present: Mayara Velasquez, president, Lois Geertz, vice president, Katie Carrington, secretary, Meredith Harris, member at large, Danette Warren, member at large, Claire Eary, April Ibarra, Grace Pugh, Carlo Malanima and Sue McGinn, Fiona Lofthouse
- II. Reading of Minutes. Danette moves to waive reading of the minutes. Meredith seconds, motion passes.
- III. Treasury Report.
 - o Bank Balance: \$21,537.73 CD: 4,427.66
 - o Member Report- 48 teachers, 131 families 2021-2023, 2023- less. This year- 2024-2025- 31 teachers and 54 families. We are losing families- why? Affected perhaps by the september only enrollment date vs rolling enrollment. Membership fee has always been \$18. Teachers moving- affects both teacher and family enrollment. Pandemic affecting how to engage with people. Are the numbers accurate? Difficulty with digital vs paper registration. Ideas for how to roll in registration fees in with tuition. Encourage teachers to require and charge registration fees with tuition. Is there a way for teachers to register their students once the membership fee has been paid. Ideally, this triggers an email to the parents with a media release and reminders about the event dates.
- 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.
- VI. Events
 - Posters:  Posters 2025-2026
 1. **Kick Off - Team Leader: Heather Davis**
 - September 13th, 2025 from 11:30am
 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 Pwyn 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: Got canceled**
Team: Teresa Hakel
 4. **Graduation Application Deadline - Team Leader: Terri Matchett**
Team: Roy Calzadillas, Jisu Shin, Shao-Chin Chen
 - October 30th
 5. **Parent Night Online Series - Team Leader: Grace Pugh- will make poster**
Team: Mayara Velasquez
 - November 13th at 7:30 pm with Ruth Meints
 - April 16th at 7:30 pm with Dr. Shu-Yi Scott "Supporting your child's motivation: creating a positive practice culture at home."
 - **Will be about motivation- would like questions from parents before hand. Will be online.**
6. **January 25th at 4pm: General Meeting at La Madeleine**
 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: Fiona Lofthouse
Team: Amy Mathis
Classes: Suzuki Early Childhood, Pre-Twinkle, Twinkle and Book 1 for violin and cello. Sign up to perform a piece for the 2pm community concert. Accompanist will be provided. Poster: [HERE](#)
Registration Link: [HERE](#) **The deadline to sign up for the concert is February 5th.**
 9. **Graduation Recording Deadline: March 23rd**
 10. **Ribbon Festival: April 11th - Team Leader: Daniel Saenz**
Team: Roy Calzadillas
Location: The Houston Saengerbund, 1703 Heights, Blvd, Houston, 77008
Time: 10am to 1pm
Application will be due sometime late Feb
 11. **Graduation: May 2nd - Team Leader: Terri Matchett**

Team: Roy Calzadillas, Jisu Shin, Shao-Chin Chenn
Location: TBA

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

Location: Carlos and Sue's house, Katy area.

Bring instruments for a fun evening reading some chamber music!

Discussion about having registration open at the beginning of the year. Doesn't need a complete registration- just basic info and paying the fee.

VIII. News

- Introducing Teacher Spotlight on our newsletter. Click [HERE](#) and fill out the form to be featured on our monthly newsletter.
- Submit an article for our Parent Corner Newsletter.
- Teacher Meetups. **These are a success! Good to have alternate times to get together and compare notes/chat! We need to schedule in Baytown.**
- STXSA is looking for a Vice- President for the 2026-2028 term.
- Attendance, Volunteers - Raffle Time!

Meeting ended 5:15pm

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