

Liz opened virtual board meeting on 10/7/12. Items for discussion were:

1. Financial Report and Membership dues (please refer to latest report received)
2. Two Year Plan
3. Annual Meeting Location/Rotation
4. New Ideas

### **Financial Report**

**Jillian** Chrisman suggested – breakfast items (\$50), childcare (\$30-50), accompanist (\$200)

Joyce Davis suggested – fees for filing not-for-profit, liability insurance, annual meeting, business entity report (\$7.14 on line) and annual form for tax exempt status

**Emilie Grondin** suggested – that we need liability insurance and that we increase membership fee to cover this and other general costs (speaker, accompanists, childcare, etc)

**Danna Kostroun** commented – liability insurance is tough to get for small groups

**Liz Efrogmson-Brooks** commented – checked with lawyer and learned our income is low enough we do not need to file for liability

**Dawn Evans** suggested – that we allot more money toward guest speaker to cover travel & stipend.

**Dawn** also suggested – that for annual meeting and other events that the accompanist fee should be factored into the registration fee.

**Liz** commented – We do need to file taxes

**Liz** commented – after checking into liability there are two directions we can go 1. Insure a specific event  
2. Use a waiver form to waive liability

**Paul Young** suggested - \$80 for childcare

Liz requests a vote on new budget asap on 11/2/12

### **Membership**

**Jillian** suggested – we use same membership verbage as contained in by-laws

**Jillian** asked – “What is group membership?”

**Joyce** asked – “What do teachers receive by joining and what do we get for \$5 more in membership fee?” She added that keeping the same dues amount for everyone would be simpler

**Jillian** responded – (I am looking for the e-mail I sent to Joyce, can anyone forward it to me? I was saying how much the annual meeting was beneficial for the teachers that attended)

**Dawn** suggested – a group membership is not needed as an option

**Emilie** agreed with Dawn’s comment

**Sarah Pearce** suggested - \$20 membership fee, then give members a discount at annual meeting to encourage membership

Liz recommended membership fee to be raised to \$20 and that we vote on this.

### **Two Year Plan**

**Jillian** commented and suggested – that Linda Kummernuss is planning a spring play-in in northern Indiana, Jillian can plan a fall play-in for central Indiana, perhaps a play-in in the summer in southern Indiana would round things out and this can become an expected annual event.

**Joyce** commented – she uses a book graduation system that has worked for decades and also suggested this website [www.theachievementprogram.org/program/overview](http://www.theachievementprogram.org/program/overview)

**Emily Thompson** (media secretary) suggested that Joyce write a few paragraphs on her graduation system for the newsletter.

**Dawn** commented - she is interested in this idea and wonders if it can be done digitally

**Emilie** responded – that requirements for book graduation would be a good topic for a future meeting.

**Emilie** suggested – the two year plan should be guided by our purpose as set forth in the by-laws she also recommended making a mission statement

**General Note** – At one point, Emilie noticed that board names had fallen off the thread of discussion. This was noted and recognized by Liz and a new effort was made to include all board members.

### **Annual Meeting Location/Rotation**

This was not discussed but the following have responded and agreed to rotate the annual meeting evenly, central, north, south. Jillian Chrisman, Joyce Davis, Dawn Evans and Emilie Grondin.

It was asked if a general membership vote has been taken. It has not.

No one agreed to the uneven rotation of central, north, central, south.

### **New Ideas**

Jillian suggested – Informal teacher dinner with guest speakers taken from our own ranks

Dawn responded – winter would be a good time since annual meeting is in the summer

Dawn suggested – a piano event and a parent event

Emilie responded – to pair up events such as student activity with parent education

Danna suggested – an Indiana All-Star tour group to give students an incentive

Sarah suggested – we make a commitment to post something on the facebook page weekly, and this page can be linked to others, and to start using a photo release (form?) so that pictures can be placed on internet

Sarah asked – if this facebook page was to be shared with parents too.

Jillian suggested – to compile some Indiana Suzuki history

Jillian suggested – Fundraising dinner/board appreciation dinner with concert (Actually I got this idea from Liz as she has done this with her academy)

Jillian suggested – annual play-ins for each section of the state

Jillian suggested – title of **“Media Secretary” for Emily Thompson** – those who have agreed are: Jillian Chrisman, Joyce Davis, Dawn Evans, Sarah Pearce and Liz Efroymsen

Jillian suggested – Have a captain for each planned event that coordinates event and reports back to board and membership on its progress and execution

Jillian also suggested – a book club every 4 months – possibly conducted on facebook

Joyce suggested – teacher specific events such as breakfasts

Emilie responded – likes teacher specific events

Jillian suggested – International Violin Competition of Indianapolis is a good reason to get together and perhaps coordinate an event for SAI and then attend an IVCI event together.

Jillian suggested – that e-newsletter can focus on one studio at a time and this can be one way to develop (slowly) an in-depth directory, if this approach seems desirable to whomever compiles the in-depth directory

**General comments**

Liz liked that Strad Magazine has Suzuki on the cover and is complimentary

Jillian liked how the annual meeting ended with a play-in

Liz reminds us all to send things in for the e-newsletter

**General Voting that occurred:**

Emily Thompson as Media Secretary – vote already noted and approved by majority

Two Year plan was approved by: (please send in official vote)

Jillian, Dawn, Emilie, Danna, Liz

\$20.00 Dues were approved by: (please vote)

Jillian

Sarah

Liz

Annual Meeting Rotation – we have the majority to go with even rotation – unless you want to put this vote out to general membership

New Budget approved by:

Jillian

Paul

Liz

Respectfully Submitted on Nov. 6, 2012

Jillian Chrisman

SAI Secretary