

Suzuki Association of Indiana  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 10, 2013  
6:00 p.m.

Board Meeting was held via Skype and centered at Dawn Evan's home in Bloomington. Those present at Dawn's home were, Dawn Evans (Vice President), Liz Efrogmson-Brooks (President), Diana Hummel (Treasurer) and Jillian Chrisman (Secretary)

Also present via skype were board members, Emilie Grondin, Joyce Davis, Danna Kostroun, Sarah Pearce, and Maria Mastropaolo.

### **Congratulations to the Suzuki Association of Indiana for becoming an affiliate member of the Suzuki Association of the Americas as of October 2013!**

Order of Business:

NOTE: an \* indicates actions to be taken

Liz mentioned that we will now need to display SAA's logo in regards to SAI functions

SAA's annual one dollar fee to be paid per affiliate association member

It is not clear when SAI should pay this to SAA

Dawn suggested we pay this fee at the end of SAI's fiscal year

\*Liz determined that she'll look into when we should pay this.

Liability Insurance

Dawn asked, in regards to 10.1 in affiliation papers, how we should proceed in acquiring said certificate of officers liability insurance

Liz responded that she had checked with several insurance companies and it seems that we will need event liability insurance since we do not have a building per say.

Third Annual Meeting – July 12, 2014 in Evansville

\*Sarah and Maria are coordinators of this event and are hoping to secure university space. *Thank you Sarah and Maria! ☺ (this will be removed before final send out. I'm just so thankful to these ladies!)*

Carol Dallinger will be the main speaker and will talk about starting a Suzuki School

Liz suggested that it begin with the 2 hour business meeting

Sarah and Maria suggested 1.5 hours for lunch break

Liz also suggested Carol speak in the afternoon and also have break out sessions

Liz mentioned the possibility of having a board meeting either before or after the annual meeting

Child care was mentioned but it may not be ideal to have it due to university space not being ideal for this.

Sarah or Maria (sorry, with just voices, I wasn't sure who mentioned what) asked what expenditures (other than rental space and speaker) to expect - such as snacks. It was mentioned pianists may be an expenditure (unless someone volunteered).

Liz suggested it would be nice to end with a play-in. It was decided (I think) to include area students and teachers as well as annual meeting participants in the play-in.

#### New Board Member

Liz opened by asking if anyone had ideas for a new board member. She then suggested that Sharon Neufeld would make a nice replacement for Paul Young who has moved away.

A vote was taken and all agreed to accept Sharon on the Board.

Sharon is the new Director of the Indianapolis Suzuki Academy.

#### Discussion of ideas

Sharon Neufeld had previously proposed a fundraiser faculty recital of Suzuki pieces/Play-In to help students and parents with costs of Suzuki workshops or institutes.

This idea was discussed and the general sentiment was that a Play-in should not be part of a fundraiser event. Also, the feel of a recital is formal and the feel of a play-in is informal and that the two events might not mix well in that regard

The idea of a teacher recital as a separate venue was generally well received. Liz mentioned this could be a fund raiser to send money to Colorado to help in flood relief.

Dawn mentioned that doing this during a slow time such as after the holidays might work well

Danna mentioned that SAI fundraisers can also go towards teacher development

Jillian proposed having a logo contest as a fun way to grow awareness of SAI to students and parents.

\*Liz will check into SAA as part of the affiliation is assistance with logo.

#### Annual Dr. Suzuki Birthday Play-In

It was decided that everyone thought this would make a nice annual event

It was decided that each region (north, central, south) would have their play-in during October

It was decided that each region have a play-in date before the annual meeting so that it may be promoted earlier

Joyce mentioned that she had two play-ins and had a different set of students at each one – so it is possible for an area to have more than one play-in.

Liz has sent SAA a picture of each of the three regional play-ins.

Joyce mentioned she had little response from independent teachers in the area

Emilie mentioned, as well as Jillian and (somebody else) that it is beneficial for independent teachers to become part of a larger event (I didn't say this well, Emilie do you remember the more accurate wording ?)

Drop Box was mentioned as being a great association tool and Liz encouraged everyone to sign up for that.

#### Graduation Tapes

It was decided that we'd see if Emily Thompson has gathered information regarding this.

Liz ended the meeting with a story that displayed trust and emotional support for her five year old student in order to problem solve a situation successfully. She commented that is the Suzuki way of teaching the whole child. (or words to that effect – Liz you may reword this)