

Suzuki Association of Indiana  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 30, 2014  
4:30 p.m.

Board meeting was held via skype and centered at Dawn Evan's home in Bloomington. Those present at Dawn's home were, Liz Efroymsen (President), Dawn Evans (Vice President) Jillian Chrisman (Secretary) and Diana Hummel (Treasurer).

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

Order of Business (\*denotes an action volunteered by board member)

**Liz encouraged all of us to submit articles and photos for the newsletter.**

\*Jillian will ask Emily Thompson (Media Secretary) to send out notice of e-newsletter submission deadlines. It was generally discussed and agreed upon to have the e-newsletter every quarter instead of monthly. Liz suggested sending in personal teaching stories as they are inspiring.

**Jillian read the minutes** from the previous Board Meeting held on November 10, 2013.

**Diana gave the treasurer's report.** Balance in checking is \$1,045.88, savings is \$5.00

**Annual Meeting scheduled for July 12, 2014 in Evansville. Hosts are Sarah and Maria.**

Thought was given as to the amount or budget for the annual meeting. It was agreed that \$300.00 – 400.00 would be a good range. Fee per person for the annual meeting will be the same as last year (\$35.00) as well as annual membership fee (\$20.00).

A room for the annual meeting has been reserved in the business building of the University of Evansville at no charge due to the fact that Sarah and Maria are faculty of the Suzuki String program there.

Liz read the schedule from last year's meeting to help guide Maria and Sarah in their planning.

Child care will not be available.

For the play-in it may be possible to walk to the music building in order to have a piano. Liz suggested a "Pot Luck Play-In" in which we bring a musical selection to enjoy playing together. This idea was well received. Dawn seconded the motion stating to BYOM (bring your own music 😊)

\*Sarah and Maria will discuss with Carol Dallinger regarding subject to be discussed for the guest speaker portion of the annual meeting. It was agreed by all that we would benefit a great deal from having Carol speak of her studio history, teaching and building of her program.

\*Jillian and Liz agreed to mail (snail mail and email) a registration form to everyone for the annual meeting in early June. Joyce Davis suggested having an on-line registration.

\*Jillian will ask Emily Thompson regarding this.

Dawn asked when the play-in repertoire list will be published. It was generally agreed to have all info in the June e-newsletter

### **OTHER ITEMS**

A general discussion was held regarding membership and **building membership** with Suzuki parents. SAI currently has 31 members. Liz suggested we need to maintain at least 30 on the roster. Liz encouraged us to think of creative ways to involve the parents and students.

**Suzuki Principles in Action (SPA)** course, hosted by the Indianapolis Suzuki Academy, was a great success. Clinician, Nancy Jackson, led us through a wonderful 2 day seminar. We briefly discussed the SPA course as we had just finished it the day before. Dawn summed it up well saying, "Rejuvenating, reinforcing and fantastic!"

SAI members in attendance were Liz Efroymsen (Indianapolis, cello), Dawn Evans (Bloomington, piano), Stephanie Hall (Indianapolis, harp), Kyoto Tanno (Fishers, violin), and soon to be member Amy McKinnis (West Lafayette, violin). Other attendees were from Charlotte, SC, Iowa City, IA, and Austin, TX.

**October Play-ins** to celebrate Dr. Suzuki's birthday month

Liz asked those in attendance how they felt the play-ins went and if we should continue this. There were many positive responses and it was agreed that we should continue. Liz suggested adding a video of Dr. Suzuki at the play-ins so the students get an idea of who he was.

\*Liz suggested that the mid region, in which she is a part, begin looking at their calendars for this fall. Jillian responded most any date should be fine. \*Liz agreed to put out the PR on this event

### **Graduation Tapes**

It was decided to discuss this at the annual meeting as it is such a big topic.

Liz, Joyce, Emilie, and Sharon plan to attend the **SAA national conference** in which there is a specific time set aside for chapter affiliates. The more established affiliates are anxious to assist new affiliates such as ourselves. Jillian may attend as well.

Drop Box was discussed, it's purpose (a file for all members to access and share information such as studio policies, articles, and past e-newsletters, etc.) and how to get there (Liz suggested going to Google, then drop box, then SAI.

**Facebook page** – Liz challenged all of us to get on the Facebook page sometime this month. In general we need to be interacting more and creating community on line.

**Honorary Board Member** It was discussed to ask Diane Schroeder of Evansville to be an honorary board member. She has served as a board member for SAA and is also a past president of SAA.

\*Sarah will ask Diane. We agreed that we could 'gift her' the annual membership fee as well as the annual meeting fee if she were able to attend.

### **Logo for SAI –**

\*Liz will check with SAA in case there are any parameters regarding designing our own logo.

\*Jillian will coordinate a logo contest for Suzuki students to involve the students and raise awareness of SAI among the Suzuki families.

In ending, Liz, reminded us to get on Facebook and send in articles to Emily Thompson

Respectfully submitted,  
Jillian Chrisman