

Suzuki Association of Indiana (SAI)
Board Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2015
Bloomington, Indiana at the home of Dawn Evans, 1507 E. 1st St.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Present in Bloomington were Liz Efroymson, president; Dawn Evans, vice president; and Jillian Chrisman, secretary. Present by skype were Diana Hummel, treasurer; Maria Mastropaolo and Emilie Grondin

Financial report was sent by e-mail prior to the meeting by Diana – (full report may be requested and sent to you by Diana). There were no questions regarding the report and it was unofficially approved (without vote).'

October 30, 2014 balance was 1,383.09
Balance as of 1/26/15 was 2,138.90

The substantial increase is due in large part to the Indianapolis Suzuki Academy (ISA). They have included the 10.00 association fee into their student registration fee. Thus every ISA family is now an associate member. Jillian congratulated Liz on this and said it a big step in membership and monies received. Jillian and Emily have received a complete list of the ISA students to incorporate into the membership list. Jillian commented that this is a step in good faith – the sharing of a studio's student information – to the benefit of SAI and the ISA students – with other teachers. Jillian plans to add her studio families as associate members this summer.

A short discussion about how to handle associate membership emails was discussed. Liz recommended, and the others present generally agreed, that the active teacher is to be the one to pass on the emails/newsletters to their respective associate members. Also, it was lightly discussed that the active and associate membership be kept in two separate lists as not all mailings were to be sent to associate membership (such as voting emails, for example). These were only discussed and not officially decided.

Annual Meeting Date:

After thorough discussion the annual meeting date will remain as July 11, 2015 to be held at the Indianapolis Suzuki Academy's new home in downtown Indianapolis. Jillian will eventually ask Glen Kwok (1st), president of the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis and then Nick Kendall (2nd), the grandson of Suzuki Pioneer, John Kendall to be our guest speaker at the annual meeting.

Honorary Board Members duties:

It was discussed that we should ask a variety of board members what their honorary board members' duties are. We need to develop our honorary board members duties/expectations and get them written down. Jillian will ask Glen Kwok regarding honorary board member's duties and also the Carmel Symphony Board. Maria will ask Carol Dallinger and also Diane Schroeder. Jillian's thoughts were that an honorary board member could attend one or two board meetings a year and be available to advise once or twice a year. Dawn said she'd research this idea in general. Liz mentioned that honorary board members are important in that they help us to be more credible as an organization.

Logo:

All were in favor of moving forward with the new logo, created by Maria's mother, an established artist. (name?) Congratulations and thank you to (name). Jillian reported that she closed the student

participation portion of the logo contest mid fall and presented each distinguished participant with a music pin. The contest was then opened up to parents/teachers and friends of SAI. Dawn mentioned that her sister-in-law is a graphic arts design student at I.U. and would be glad to work with the new logo to develop it for reproduction/application. (Note: The day after the meeting, Emily Thompson reported that she had already taken the logo to a graphic design company for further development.)

Upcoming Elections:

This July: two officers will be elected to fill the positions of secretary and president. The nominating committee is comprised of Jillian Chrisman, Emilie Grondin and Sarah Pearce. The committee is responsible for supplying names of potential officers for the April e-newsletter. MEMBERS are encouraged to suggest people to their regional representative (Jillian for central, Emilie for northern and Sarah for southern). It was DECIDED that the new president only (not other officer positions) will shadow the current president for the first year. Liz, made it clear that being president was not time consuming in any way. It was a more of a coordinating position – deciding on tasks and who is to do them and filling out easy paperwork for either tax purposes or SAA. (Question – Will this president elect year offset the term length and next election when we are to vote on both secretary and president? Is the year - when the president-elect shadows the president - part of the term?)

Media Secretary:

Emily Thompson has informed SAI that she needs to cut back and enlist help with her position as Media Secretary. She is looking, more specifically, for help with the web page that is brand new. We discussed ways to help and will look for guidance from Emily in how to shift various responsibilities to other people. Jillian mentioned that perhaps Emily could have a co-editor for the e-newsletter. Maria will ask Sarah Pearce if she can help with the website. Liz said she'd talk with Emily and she echoed our sentiment that we all understand and want to help.

Next meeting:

Liz mentioned April as the next month that the board will meet.

In closing:

Jillian, Dawn and Liz all agreed that we missed meeting informally as we did when first forming the plans for SAI. It became apparent that teachers need and enjoy getting together. We all hoped to have the opportunity to do so in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,
Jillian Chrisman
SAI Secretary