

Suzuki Association of Indiana
Board Meeting
June 7, 2015

Held at the home of Dawn Evans, 1507 E. 1st St. in Bloomington.

Present: Liz Efroymsen-Brooks, Dawn Evans, Jillian Chrisman
Skyped in: Emilie Grondin, Diana Hummel

Media Secretary: Emily Thompson will be resigning as media secretary as of July 11, 2015. We are all so very grateful for all that she has done in this area to develop SAI. It was determined that this position is an appointed position. Dawn commented that SAA's elected officials are a very small group. It was agreed that this position would solely be responsible for producing the e-newsletter only and that we may need to have a separate person for the website. All correspondence duties (electronic, snail mail, phone calls) will go to the secretary. It was decided that Liz will ask for a one year volunteer for this position until it is appointed officially next year – thus beginning the two year term within the rotation of officer elections.

Website: Liz presented the question as to whether we really need a website or not. After some discussion it was agreed that we did. It could be a permanent home to list officers, a greeting from the president, meeting minutes, board members, by-laws, teacher directory as well as current events of teacher members. Jillian commented that the facebook page is still under used but hopes that she, as well as others, will use this as a way to connect. Diana reminded us that we have purchased a domain name. Jillian offered to investigate other Suzuki Association websites to see what content they offer. It was discussed whether the website responsibilities will fall under media secretary or a separate web person. The SAA website has links to affiliates and one affiliate has a facebook page link. Jillian said she'd work on getting SAI's facebook page linked with SAA.

Leadership Retreat: Dawn proposed that we allow a fund towards an officer to attend the leadership retreat. It was decided to save this topic for the next board meeting. The leadership retreat is in Ohio in a very nice park setting over Memorial Day weekend every other year. Attendance from an SAI representative is feasible.

Business report: Diana reported that there were two checks received -one check for 20.00 & the other for 740.00 = total 760.00 Current Balance in checking is 2,145.22 and 5.00 in savings.

Annual Meeting Business Agenda:

It was proposed to make the following amendments to the by-laws at this year's annual meeting, July 11. Changes to be voted on are: (one) having a president elect; (two) change all officer terms to two years AND; (three) begin the election process NEXT YEAR. However, this year we need to appoint a media secretary volunteer for one year. Liz will send out email with description (provided by Emily) of media secretary responsibilities. Liz reminded everyone that you can nominate yourself! Another change that was discussed (especially if the position is appointed) was that the media secretary always goes through SAI secretary with all contacts to SAA or SAI members.

Proposed Voting rotation will be as follows:

2016 – President Elect and Media Secretary (other officers stay on task)

2017 – Secretary & Treasurer

2018 – (President Elect moves into President office), Media Secretary & President Elect

2019 – Secretary & Treasurer

2020 – President Elect, Media Secretary (former President Elect moves into President Position)

And so forth.

Logo: We were very excited to be listed on the cover of the SAA Journal as one of twelve affiliates. But at the same time we were saddened that we had not finalized the logo decision in time to get that to SAA for the cover. We were unaware of SAA's cover plans. Liz stated that we need to start putting the logo on everything. Jillian comment that we

should be able to use SAA logo as well because of our affiliation. We will vote on the final logo at annual meeting (as to whether or not include the letters SAI).

New Board Members: Liz stated that she would like one board member (at least) to represent each section of the state (north, middle, & south). *These board members are elected at the annual meeting.*

Current Board Members: (as denoted on current SAI members address list) are:
Liz, Dawn, Jillian, Diana, Emily, (officers), then Maria, Emilie, Joyce, Ann, Sharon
Honorary Board Members are Carol & Diane

Respectfully Submitted,

Jillian Chrisman
SAI Secretary