Sixth Annual Meeting

July 8 , 2017

Schroeder School of Business

University of Evansville

Those Present:

*Officers*

Liz Efroymson – President – Indianapolis, cello, Indianapolis Suzuki Academy

Emilie Grondin – President elect, Mishawaka, Cello, teaches privately and coaches chamber music

Jillian Chrisman – Secretary – Indianapolis, Violin, private studio

Maria Mastropaolo – Co-Treasurer, U of Evansville Suzuki Program, Violin, was a Suzuki kid and now a teacher and Mom

Sarah Pearce – Co-Treasurer, teaches in the U of Evansville Suzuki program, Violin, trained under Carol Dallinger

*Board Members*

Carol Dallinger – Honorary, U. of Evansville, Violin, started Suzuki program at the University in 1972, SAA teacher trainer

Joyce Davis – Granger, Director of the Music School of Granger, Violin

Emily Thompson – Media Secretary (website) Ft. Wayne, Violin, also teaches in Marion once a week

*Members*

Meghan King – Carmel, Violin, teaches privately at Purdue, private studio (Appasionato Strings)

Rachel Gries – Greenwood (just south of Indianapolis), Violin, teaches modified Suzuki, teaching at Center Grove Middle & High Schools, also teaches in Franklin in an after school program.

Sarah Yingst – Greenwood, Violin, newest member to Suzuki and SAI

**Secretary Report:**

Jillian – read the minutes from the 2016 annual. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Beginning Balance in checking is $3,402.31, ending balance is $2,532.80.

In savings the beginning balance is $1,000.00, ending balance is $1,005.82.

Amendment Proposed and approved:

Emily T. mentioned that she had a $64.85 for website expenses last April or May.

Also, cost for transferring $1,000.00 is not reflected. Maria will recheck things and will send an amended report.

**Vote:** To place $500.00 each year into the savings account. All voted yes

Wait one year to investigate/decide on a cd.

**Paypal** – by Sarah Pearce – it must have her name and address on it. Emily and Sarah P. will work on it later today to get it up and running.

Fiscal year for SAI is July 1 – July 1

**Media Secretary’s Report:**

Emily T. focused on the website for SAI this year. The domain name is Indianasuzuki.org. There is a menu bar and the password is mySAI2012. Then you’ll see some documents, some are links to even more documents.

Send reports to indianasuzuki@gmail.com and Emily T. will post them onto the website.

Emily T. then gave a screen presentation and showed us around the website. To send students an invitation to join SAI go to indianasuzuki.org/join .

**Three main fees:**

Domain registration

Web hosting

Extra things for extra fees

Jillian suggested to list the Board Members on the website, discussion followed where to put this information.

Advertising is only for newsletter or facebook (not website). Advertiser must be a SAI member

Posting fee for the website is $70.00. Emily T. suggested we should keep $150.00 on the budget for the website.

**Old Business:**

To order T-shirts contact Liz. You can choose any color. They are $10.00 each.

**New Business:**

President Elect Emilie Grondin – discussed her attendance of the Leadership Retreat

The Affiliate Chapter Session was about maintaining membership – what are the benefits? These were the benefits discussed at the leadership retreat:

1. Feed into the larger community
2. Newsletters – quarterly – varied in quality – more article oriented, more are going with electronic
3. Monthly email update – more activity oriented
4. Some have business memberships
5. Activities – graduations, honor recital, auditions, institutes, festival, workshops, regional events
6. Scholarships for teacher and/or students

Also:

Teachers are expected to have all students be a member of the association – they have family rate and are expected to help.

**Elections for Secretary, Treasurer and Board Members:**

Secretary Nominations are:

Rachel Osterhouse

Elisabeth Ohly-Davis

Emily Thompson – 11 voted in favor of Emily. Emily accepted

**Vote:** all present voted that Emily be SAI Secretary

Treasurer:

Sarah and Maria were nominated to be co-treasurers,

**VOTE:** All voted yes that they continue being co-treasurers for this two year term.

Current Board Members:

Liz Efroymson

Jillian Chrisman(but leaving board as of today)

Maria Mastropaolo

Sarah Pearce

Emily Thompson

Ann Sloan

Joyce Davis

Diana Hummel

Dawn Evans

Emilie Grondin

**Vote:** New Board Members voted in are:

Rachel Osterhouse

Elisabeth Ohly-Davis

Rachel Gries – Rachel requested that her husband’s email be removed from the SAI list.

**By-laws Discussion:**

It was suggested that incoming officers should be on the board for two years before being taking office. It was also suggested that there should be a defining range of number of board members, a minimum to a maximum number of persons on the board. It was noted that term of board is currently open ended.

We need to change the by-laws so that voting at the annual election is simple majority of those present. Voting should be private, by piece of paper. Members need to join by annual meeting so we know what our majority is for voting, or have elections held EITHER prior to annual meeting, OR have voting take place only by members present.

Respectfully submitted,

Jillian Chrisman

Outgoing SAI Secretary