

October 12, 2017

Second Board Meeting of 2017-2018

Skype Call

Present:

Elizabeth Efroymson-Brooks (president)

Emilie Grondin (vice-president)

Dawn Evans

Rachel Gries

Maria Mastropaolo (co-treasurer)

Rachel Osterhouse

Sarah Pearce (co-treasurer)

Ann Sloan

Emily Thompson (secretary)

Not present:

Diana Hummel

Joyce Davis

The meeting was facilitated by Ann Sloan, with technical help from her husband Jim Sloan on setting up the Skype call.

Secretary Report

Emily Thompson read the minutes of the July board meeting. Minutes approved.

Report on memberships numbers: currently have 29 teachers and 2 parent members. Forms submitted do not include Diana Hummel, additional ISA teachers. Will follow up and add these people before deadline end of October.

All member teachers must be current members of SAA. Suggestion that we continue to reach out to more teachers in the SAA directory.

Member teachers of the SAI can submit more information to be included on their profiles on our teacher listings at indianasuzuki.org/teacher-listing/.

The next newsletter is due in October. Emily Thompson suggests a submission deadline of the end of the month, with the main topic of student recital formats: this could include discussion of recitals,

outreaches, and school string programs, as well as requirements for pieces/how long the pieces have to be polished.

[EJT Edit: the newsletter was not produced until January, with the topic changed to practice incentives for the new year...recital format discussion will be put into Issue 3]

Treasurer's Report

As of July 1,2017 the savings account had \$1005.82. As of Oct 12,2017 the savings account was \$1506.55.

As of July 1,2017 the checking account had 2532.80. As of Oct 12, 2017 the checking account was \$2333.12.

Maria & Sarah

The figures required for the annual report will be taken from the annual membership meeting report covering the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Emily Thompson has the saved document of the corrected treasurers report from July that she can send to anyone who needs it.

Report from President-Elect

On submitting the annual report to the SAA:

We need to have all the recent revisions and amendments included in the by-laws that we submit to the SAA. [Dawn Evans is editing the document to update it with everything that has been approved over the past two years]

We also need to include a list of all current officers and directors.

Emilie Grondin and Liz Efroymson will work on putting the membership form together with Liz. Emily Thompson will update the list on the SAA affiliates web page.

President Report:

Upcoming events include the Dr. Suzuki's Birthday Play-In in Indianapolis on October 29.

The University of Evansville Suzuki Violin program will have a picnic on October 21 with a birthday cake for Dr. Suzuki, inviting all the teachers and students in the program. We should encourage other teachers to have a token event and/or mention Dr Suzuki's birthday in their studio. It's important to talk about Dr. Suzuki and keep his memory going.

For the next annual meeting, we need to decide on the afternoon feature. This past year (2017) we had a member discussion and could have easily gone longer than the time we had.

- Emilie Grondin suggested that our members who go to the Minneapolis SAA Convention prepare a report on what they observed. We could also:

- Have Ann Sloan talk about the IAM Fest
- Have Austin Huntington (principal cello of the Indianapolis Symphony) come and talk about his experience as a Suzuki student. [He was a student of Emilie Grondin; Emilie will ask him about it.]

Other Events

We would like to have an SAI hosted workshop during the year. We need to have a teacher workshop to draw in new teacher members.

The main suggestion was for Ed Sprunger to come as the workshop teacher. Ann Sloan knows him and will ask him about:

- his availability
- how much it will cost to bring him here
- charge for participants (we can charge more for non-members as an incentive to join the SAI)

We can send Liz our individual ideas about possible details of the workshop.

Emily Thompson suggested that if Sprunger is not available, we could follow through the workshop idea and ask someone else. Discussion continued:

- We need to have someone with substantial appeal to our members
- We need to clarify what we want the teacher to do: talk to parents and teachers vs. teaching students [Ann]
- It would be helpful to have a teachers and parents practicing workshop. [Liz]

Liz concluded by affirming our goals to acknowledge the amazing teachers in our midst and share ideas to help build up all of our members.

Emily Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting times for the remainder of the year are:

January 21, 8 pm EST on Skype

April 22, 8 pm EST on Skype

July 7, annual meeting, Indianapolis Suzuki Academy campus

Signed, Emily J. Thompson

SAI Secretary

