

MTASN Newsletter

February 22, 2019

Dreaming of Spring...

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Music Teachers Association Suburban Northwest! Hope you are staying warm in this deep freeze. Whether you are a seasoned member or a new member, we are so glad you are with us. Check out our programs in the "Upcoming Events" section below or on our website at: <http://www.comta-sn.org/>

February 2019 Program

Due to a family emergency, Dhita could not present our scheduled program on February 6 and a business meeting was held instead. Please see the meeting minutes at the end of the newsletter. Our current secretary, Erika Sueker, will no longer be able to attend meetings and fill this position. If you are interested in serving as secretary, please let Dhita know at ndhitasa@mtu.edu. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Our Local Chapter

March Program and Business meeting

Wednesday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m.
Community in Christ Church
12229 West 80th Avenue, Arvada, CO

Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, "The Century Old Struggle for Effective Balance in Ensembles (Close the Lid)"
with Dr. Zahari Metchkov

11:00 am Regular meeting

We hope to see you there!

Achievement Day

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Location: Arvada United Methodist Church (AUMC), 6750 Carr Street, Arvada 80004

Contact: Elisabeth Kern

See meeting minutes for additional details.

Set up rooms, post signage and display student projects on Friday, March 1st from 12:00pm to 1:30pm at AUMC.

This annual non-competitive event focuses on musical performance, knowledge, and creativity. Students' creative projects are displayed at the event and later at the public library for all to enjoy! More information and forms can be downloaded on the MTASN website at: <http://www.comta-sn.org/student-activities.html>.

Here is a link to the Colorado State Music Teachers Association where practice tests for theory, terms & signs, ear training and history can be found:

<https://www.comusicteachers.net/achievementday>

MTNA Programs

Rising Stars Festival

Front Range Preliminaries and Finals: Saturday, April 13, 2019

Lamont School of Music, University of Denver

2019 Registration deadline: March 2, 2019 (all participants)

Registration information: <http://rs.comusicteachers.com/>

This event is open to students of CSMTA member and non-member teachers, with two categories (Competitive Stars & Non-Competitive Stars) and four divisions: Solo Piano, Solo Voice, Solo Instrument & Ensemble.

CU Boulder Piano Camp

CU Boulder is currently accepting applications for the piano program at the CU Boulder High School Summer Music Academy! The piano program at the High School Summer Music Academy will include daily private lessons and ensemble coaching with CU faculty members, workshops, and opportunities to meet and have fun with other music academy participants.

Date: June 16-21, 2019

Location: Imig Music Building on the beautiful CU Boulder campus

Cost: \$775 for residential participants, \$550 for commuters – scholarships available

Due date for applications: Scholarship applications due March 1, all others due May 10

Contact: Jennifer Hayghe, Jennifer.Hayghe@Colorado.edu.

Further information and application instructions can be found here:

<http://www.colorado.edu/music/summer-college-music/summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music-academy/high-school-summer-music>

Do You Have Website or Publicity Information? Let Us Know!

If you are chairing an event or just have something to share with the group, please let Betty Witt (website) or Tami Meise (newsletter) know. Our website, Facebook page, and internal emails are our primary ways to communicate upcoming events and important dates. Thanks for your help!

MTASN Minutes of Meetings

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

Due to a family matter President Dhita Pettit was unable to attend. It had begun to snow before 9:30 and several members had a distance to travel, so Vice President Edna Dieter called the meeting to order at 9:45. Present were Elisabeth Kern, Sylvia White, Betty Witt, Jean Carter, Sandy Greer, Laura Heagle, Edna Dieter, and Sara Flores.

It was announced that Erika Sueker would no longer be able to attend. Her loss leaves us with two important positions open – secretary and technician. Elisabeth Kern has taken the training for managing the technical jobs at the Church for any presentation we have at our meetings. No one at the meeting was nominated or volunteered for secretary so an appointment to that position has been tabled for now. Edna Dieter will write the Minutes for this meeting.

The President's report was reviewed. Members and non-members will all be offered the same speaker's honorarium and a travel fee will be considered on a case by case basis.

MTASN has donated \$50 to support the nomination of Dr. Grace Asquith as 2019 CSMTA Foundation Fellow.

Next month's speaker will be Dr. Zhari Metchkov from University of Colorado at Pueblo.

Teresa Crane is now a new member of MTASN.

Jean Carter reported on Student Activities. The dates for the next Piano Festival are November 2 and 3, 2019.

Achievement Day will be Saturday, March 2. Projects will be evaluated on Wednesday, February 20. If a teacher's students submit a project or perform, that teacher is expected to help with the evaluation and set-up for the projects and on Achievement Day. Performance times will be announced on February 20. Set-up for Achievement Day will be on Friday, March 1. Elisabeth will send directions for both locations.

Betty Witt passed out the program for the January 27 Collaborative Recital. It went very well. The two judges were Grace Asquith and Peter Friesen.

Sandy Greer and Sylvia White brought the refreshments for today's meeting. Thank you from everyone.

Dhita will contact the By-law committee, Betty Witt and Sylvia White, this month to discuss the updating of the By-laws.

There were no announcements. The meeting was adjourned. The program was to have been a round table discussion of the use of technical things for business and teaching. Due to the storm the program was postponed to a later date.

Respectfully submitted, Edna Dieter