

MTASN Newsletter

September 21, 2018

Welcome back!

Hello everyone! Welcome to the Music Teacher Association - Suburban Northwest! Whether you are a seasoned member or a new member, we are so glad you are back with us, and we even got to meet some of you in our September 2018 meeting! We are already on the move for our 2018-2019 programs. Check out our regular and new programs in the "Upcoming Events" section below or to our newly-designed website <http://www.comta-sn.org/>

September 2018 Program

We were honored to have Kathy Hammer, long-time member, leader and adjudicator for MTNA, present the basics of parliamentary procedure in her program: "Let's Have An Efficient Meeting." Following parliamentary procedure, we called the meeting to order, read and approved the May minutes, listened to reports from our president and officers, discussed upcoming programs, and adjourned the meeting. Kathy helped us practice raising a motion and voting on it. She really drove home the importance of parliamentary procedures in offering organizations a framework to meet and to function fairly and effectively.

Upcoming Events

Our Local Chapter

October 2018 Business Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Community in Christ Church
12229 West 80th Avenue, Arvada, CO

Program:

9:30 am Reception

10:00 am Program, Take a tour and get a taste of the "44th Annual Classical Music Festival 2018 in Eisenstadt, Austria," with MTASN member Betty Witt who attended in August.

11:00 am Regular meeting

MTASN Student Recital

Sunday, October 20, 2018, at 4:00 PM
Rockley Family Foundation Recital Hall
8591 W Colfax Avenue in Lakewood, CO 80215

Entry deadline: October 6, 2018 (postmarked) or hand deliver by October 10.
Contact person: Elizabeth Witt (ccsbwitt@gmail.com) or Elisabeth Kern (kernroos@comcast.net)
Note: Please download registration and media release forms from our website

MTASN Fall Festival

Auditions: Saturday, November 3, 2018
Winner's Recital: Sunday, November 4, 2016, at 3 PM
Community in Christ Church
12229 West 80th Avenue, Arvada, CO

Required Period: 20/21st century
Contrasting Periods: Baroque, Classical, Romantic, Impressionist

Entry Fee: \$25-Advanced, \$20-Intermediate
Entry Deadline: October 3, 2018 to Vicki Duckworth

Guidelines: Memorized solo literature only. Avoid method book-style solos or contemporary pieces written to demonstrate a particular historical period.

Contact Person: Vicki Duckworth (vjdpiano@gmail.com or 303-238-7186)

MTNA Program

Colorado State - MTNA Competition
Saturday, October 20, 2018
University of Colorado at Boulder

Application deadline: September 12, 2018
Chair: Dr. Alejandro Cremaschi, NCTM acremaschi@comusicteachers.net

MTASN Minutes of Meetings

Minutes of Meeting (DRAFT)

Sept 5, 2018. 10 am 12229 80th Ave Arvada CO

President Dhita and Secretary Erika were present. A Quorum of members was present.

Eddie introduced program: Kathy Hammer - member for 45 years. Active local, state and national.-- official Parliamentarian. Topic: Parliamentary Procedure

IDEA: Book reports are interesting ways to add info during meetings. Book suggestions: Sound in Motion (David McGill); If I Understood You, Would I Have this Look on My Face? (Alan Alda); Bringing Music to Life (Barry Green)

“Registered Parliamentarian” was a hard to get-- Kathy often publishes notes that come out in our national magazines.

COMMENTARY: We have no “authority” in our bylaws and they should be rewritten. Group was formed in 1962 or before and bylaws should be revisited more often. For instance, the bylaws can have errors, such as referring to us as a “corporation” (must change to ‘association’.)

Discussed Parts of a successful meeting

1) Call to order: Meetings must start on time, even if President is late! Refreshments first helps people show on time, so we do that well.

President’s ability to lead is important, but it is good to avoid burnout and take turns. Need a quorum (ours is 8). President can wait to vote as a tie breaker if necessary.

2) Minutes must first state that Pres and Secretary were present- if Pres not there, meeting still has to start on time so first VP starts it. If secretary not there, President leads an ELECTION for a replacement called secretary pro tem (“of the day”)

3) Action taken on previous minutes. (Corrections must be shown.)

To practice, **Dhita called our meeting to order (10:20 am).**

We discussed what happens to minutes after they are taken and how to correct them.

We read and approved the minutes from May.

4) Reports. Dhita read the treasurer’s report because Vicki had to leave. We discussed the fact that Dhita could have taken the report out of order if she knew that Vicki had to leave.

Savings total: \$5016.52:

General fund: \$819.75

Memorial fund: \$1374.65

Piano fund: \$2822.12

Checking account total: \$3705.08

Betty questioned why the balance of the memorial fund is a couple dollars less than in April-- bank fee? error? Typo?

Committee should review the treasurer's reports once per year (committee of 2 is ok). Bank statements, checkbooks, records. Should be done some time in July (the month after then end of the books).

Officers reports:

President's report: Dhita - we had a summer Board Meeting. Four Results:

- 1) Decided not to increase or decrease speaker's fee. (Kathy: need a motion to vote on this)
- 2) Minutes will be sent to President and sent to membership within one week of meeting.

Newsletter will be sent in 3rd week of month (don't need to vote on that)

3) Decided to change standing rules regarding Achievement Day. 1) Judging will be blind. 2) Teachers w students participating must attend a meeting in February and volunteer their time at the event (or provide a replacement volunteer). 3) In case of late payment, students can do it but no results given until payment received. (Kathy - don't need a second, but do need to vote)

4) \$450 total was allotted at Board Meeting to Edie during Board meeting. Edie has booked 6 programs; 3 paid speakers (Betty- less because of being a member; 1 donated; 1 from out of town). She has committed it all. We should not change it.

PROGRAM LINE-UP FOR 2018-19:

Sep = Parliamentary Procedure

Oct = Elizabeth Witt reporting on music festival in Austria

Nov = the Adjudicators' perspective

Dec = holiday luncheon meeting; Jan no meeting

Feb = Dhita: managing your studio in the digital age

Mar = Dr. Metchkov (state pres) "balance in ensembles"

Apr = Dr. Hagey "rediscovering Grieg's lyric pieces"

May = members Musicales & officers' installation

REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP (Laura K- absent. Dhita reporting)

As of August 2, we only had 22 registered members which is low. Get your registrations in!

Yearbook will be updated when Laura K. gets the final data.

PUBLICITY - (Tami absent. Dhita reporting) Tami will take over newsletter and advertising in the Arvada press. Dhita and Betty will meet with Tami to update website. Erika would like to attend that meeting to learn how as well.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES. (Jean).

OUTREACH RECITAL: Elizabeth has scheduled the student fall recital (for all of our students, including beginners) for Saturday October 20, from 4 - 5:30 pm at the Rockley Foundation recital hall. Fee is \$6 per student. Entry due date to be announced.

FALL FESTIVAL: (Sylvia reporting) Oct 3 (date of next meeting) is entry deadline. Nov 3 competition, Nov concert (20th/21st century = required style period). 2 memorized pieces, \$20 intermediate, \$25 advanced (members- extra for non members).

HOSPITALITY. Sylvia will bring the sign up list next time. For October, Laura H volunteered to bring bread, Dhita fruit.

OLD BUSINESS - Elizabeth, Dhita and Erika will meet regarding traffic.

NEW BUSINESS - Fall Festival has been losing money and participants. Question raised: is it still viable? Sylvia- yes (caliber, only thing for advanced Ss). Only piano entries recently, but the piano judges will do the other instrumental entries as well (if not enough to get a whole judge just for their instrument). We will look at the success of this year in February. Elizabeth says it's hard to find students who want to do the solo competitions.

PROGRAM FOLLOW-UP FROM KATHY. We practiced raising a motion and voting on it.

Six steps are:

- 1) motion made (repeat it out loud)
- 2) Motion seconded - don't need to say by whom in the minutes
- 3) President Asks for Discussion
- 4) Discussion - general topic only; don't need to say by whom
- 5) Call for vote (restate the question) - be sure to ask for "in favor" and "opposed"
- 6) President states the result and whether it passed.

We thought it was real, so now it's in unfinished business: get a gavel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sylvia: Great summer activity: the International Keyboard festival will be at CSU Ft Collins (concerts and master classes are fantastic). Email from the state for next year will come in the Spring (\$200 for five days is very worthwhile!). Includes Van Cliburn winners; competitions are of high caliber.

Adjourned 11:30 am.