

EAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY MTAC

DECEMBER 2011 NEWSLETTER

Season's greetings to all of our dear members! We hope you've all had a great year and we look forward to your continued support and involvement with our wonderful branch. We are excited to announce the re-launching of our website, and we hope it will be useful to our members. The following newsletter contains minutes of the November meeting, dates for events in the upcoming year, and a few announcements. Our best wishes to all of you for the holiday season and the New Year.

Arjang Hedayati
Recording Secretary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wanted to thank several of our members for their outstanding work chairing the general recital and the Contemporary Festival. Michael Paul chaired the general recital, and Gillian Smith and Rita Hovanesian chaired the Contemporary Festival. Everything was extremely smooth and well organized. A big thanks from our branch to all of you for your hard work, and your willingness to volunteer your time. We really appreciate your efforts!

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 7TH BOARD MEETING

10:30 am Meeting Commenced. Treasurer Laura Halliday presented a Category Detail Report. Total Checking and Savings for our branch equals \$9,503.87.

10:40 Dilara reviewed some of the issues concerning time and money at the Gianelli Square venue. Discussion ensued about other possible, more affordable venues for upcoming events.

10:45 the following events were considered:

March 26th Board meeting—location undetermined

May 14th Teachers' recital—location undetermined

June 11th General meeting, nominating and planning—Piano Play

11:00 Discussion about December potluck/lecture and round table discussion. Arjang Hedayati is to send out an email to see which teachers are interested.

11:20 Ed Grossman raised questions about Romantic/classical Festival. How many students can each teacher enroll? There are also questions about judges, and we are considering hiring Natalie Rose. Arjang Hedayati is to send out an email to get see which teachers in our branch our interested in entering students, and how many. A good number at this point was 5 students per teacher, but there is room for leniency depending on the overall number of entrants. We also wanted a 5 week advance reservation for this Festival as we are expecting a big turnout.

11:40 Discussion about Anne Oshetsky's status as Correspondence Secretary. For reasons we will not specify publicly, it was determined that she was to no longer function as Secretary. A motion was made for her removal, motion was seconded, and there were unanimous Ayes.

12:00 Laura Halliday said she would investigate a new bank to perhaps replace the Musician's Credit Union because of the many problems they have caused.

12:05. Meeting Adjourned.