

September 13, 2013

Dear Members of MTAC SFEV Branch:

It was great to see everyone at the meeting! There were more than 20 of you attending, and your willingness to volunteer for various jobs was heartening and resulted in the fact that all the events and committees for the entire 2013/14 teaching season have chairs, assistants, all the help that is required.

Aziza did a great job writing up the minutes (please see attachment)! Thank you, Aziza! Please send corrections and/or suggestions. We are new to these jobs, and we're willing to improve!

As soon as the venues for our events are confirmed, I will send a complete list.

Attached is the fund-raiser list of jobs and volunteers. Thank you all!

Please check out the website in the next couple of weeks to see all the great work Dilara and Ronda have been doing with it. Report any corrections in your personal information to Dilara.

Thank you.

Gillian

September 9, 2013 MTAC meeting minutes:

10:25 **Start time**

Thanks to Dilara for all her hard work as the previous president. Thanks to Sharon for her CM meeting. We welcomed three new members to the SFEV branch: Meg Falk, Lindsay Deutsch and Sheila Molazadeh. Treasurer, Laura Halladay, proceeded to discuss whether the CM fee should be decreased since we are making a large profit according to state considerations. A motion was made, seconded and passed to decrease the fee to \$11.00.

10:43 **Fundraising concert on February 2nd, 2014**

This concert does not yet have an official title and has yet to be determined. Paul Pitman has agreed to be the chairperson. Dilara is going to host it. Awards as well as money will be allocated for Scholarship Competition winners, as it was in past years. Motions were made, seconded and passed with regard to the following: admission ticket suggested donation fee will be raised from \$12.00 to \$15.00 and \$5.00 for students; family members of performers will be offered discounted tickets for \$10.00 (**All checks must be made out to MTAC FOUNDATION**); the music portion of the concert will not exceed 80 minutes.

Arjang Hedayati kindly volunteered to be the food coordinator, but when he said that he knew nothing about food and might end up with nothing but fish-heads to serve at the concert, it was suggested very quickly that he volunteer as Site Manager instead, which he did! Thankfully, Sheila Molazdeh will be the food coordinator, and Janet Kaplan has already offered to bring a huge basket of cookies. Jeanie, Meg, and Aziza volunteered to be concert assistants.

11:04 **Concerto Competition**

We would like to start a concerto competition and need to find a willing orchestra. Lindsay Deutsch, Mark Richman and Laura Halladay agreed to make inquiries with leaders of local orchestras. We discussed a possible spring competition for a fall performance. We have not yet decided how many winners will be

allowed to perform, nor exactly how we would like students to audition for this competition. These decisions will be made when we have established a relationship with a conductor.

11:12 Website

Dilara announced the newly refurbished website which currently has a picture/video gallery showcasing the branch as well as the private studios of MTAC teachers. A calendar of events can also be found. There was a brief discussion about how we should receive a release of liability from parents for posting their pictures/videos. We are not sure whether the state needs to approve this beforehand. We are able to pay Ronda \$350.00 for her work on the website. Dilara would like our website to stand out in hopes of receiving a certificate of participation and/or honorable mention next year!

11:17 CM venue

Michael is looking into Valley College as a venue for most of our programs including CM.

Master class with Mark Richman on November 3rd, 2013

The class will take place at the Pasadena Steinway Gallery from 1-3 PM. Mark will take up to 4 performers on a first-come, first-serve basis. Performers will pay \$30.00 to the branch. Otherwise it is free to audit.

11:24 Contemporary Festival

Piazzola piano arrangements are now allowed by the state as well as well as the branch. Most pianists are required to memorize their repertoire unless otherwise deemed by the chairpersons and president as too difficult to memorize. The Contemporary Festival committee members must be contacted to request the allowance of music in competition for exceptionally difficult music.

11:28 Bach Festival

Dates will be posted online. Please visit scjbf.org and read the rules regarding this festival. Each performer is strictly allotted a 5-minute performance slot.

11:30 Classical/Romantic Festival, February 23rd, 2014

This festival will remain non-competitive. All performers should receive some recognition such as a medallion, ribbon or a certificate. A dedication to Ed Grossman, the founder, can be made on the website as well as the program. There is a \$25.00 to attend this festival. Students should prepare one classical OR romantic piece. The venue has yet to confirmed.

11:44 Holiday Brunch, December 3rd, 2013

Kim will host the holiday brunch. Mark volunteered to hire a YAG performer.

11:54 Piano Marvel

A brief mention of Piano Marvel's request to showcase a midi presentation to our branch was denied.

11:55 Last-minute tidbits

Dilara is performing in the John Perry Master class on Wednesday, September 10, 2013.

11:57 Meeting adjourned