

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

April 2014 Newsletter

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CALENDAR

- April 8: **April SSMTA Meeting/Program -
Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road (Please see meeting
schedule herein)**
- June 4-6: **CSMTA State Conference, Fort Collins**



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

MTNA Conference in Chicago was awesome! I can't wait to share with you on Tuesday some of the new music that I got at the publisher's showcases. Also, I will be sharing some handouts with notes taken at a few of the sessions that I attended. These kinds of events are so valuable for us; and I thank you for sending me!

I hope that many of us will now be planning on attending the CSMTA State Conference in Ft. Collins in June. Be sure to register this month to get the early registration discount!

Spring is in the air, and for most of us, recitals are too. Hope you enjoy preparing for your big events and keep your energy and enthusiasm going through to the end of the school year!



TEACHER REFERRAL

If you have any openings for new students, our SSMTA Referral Chair Dorothy Lomme has requested that you call her as soon as possible. Her phone number is (303) 798-5579. *Thanks, Dorothy!*

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014 SSMTA MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Linda Vogan at 9:30 A.M. A warm welcome was extended to visitors.

The minutes of the February 11, 2014 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gloria Ross. Our current checking account balance is \$6,712.58; and the CD balance is \$10,038.14. The treasurer's report was approved.

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP

We learned that Vice President of Membership, Vera Alder, will be moving to Idaho soon. We will be seeking to fill the position that Vera has so faithfully served.

Please join us in wishing Vera our best in this exciting new venture!

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Patty Kershaw announced that our March program will be presented by Gabriele Dugan, who teaches in the Four Corners area. Gabriele will be sharing with us *teaching techniques for students Ages 3 - 5*.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

SSMTA President Linda Vogan called for a meeting of the Budget Committee this month.

PERFORMANCE MEDALS & EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC AWARDS

Gloria Ross reported on the status of the Performance Medals and the Excellence in Music Awards. *The Excellence in Music Awards* recognition will be at our April 2014 SSMTA meeting this year.

MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

TEACHING MOMENT

Gloria Ross presented the March *Teaching Moment*. She has creative ways of teaching theory and performance to students, in spite of time constraints of students having a 30-minute rather than a 45-minute lesson.

Gloria also discussed the multiple roles that piano teachers play, i.e., psychologist, circus clown, etc. She suggested individualizing lessons, and asking students about their day. A good discussion followed.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2014 SSMTA Student Recital – The final SSMTA Student Recital this season will be April 5th

2014 Achievement Day – A 2014 Achievement Day report will be given by Kat Wagner at our April 8th SSMTA meeting.

2014 Masterworks Festival – SSMTA 2014 Masterworks Festival was held on March 1 and 2. Ardith Sloan and Pam Simpson are Chairpersons for this event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betty Berry from My Music Skool announced that they will be having Teacher Presentations the 3rd Thursday of every month. You can call the store or check online for more information.

Bonnie Kreutz announced that there are scholarships available from the Denver Chapter American Guild of Organists for piano students to study organ during the summer months. Auditions will be in April.

Linda Vogan will attend the MTNA National Conference in Chicago at the end of March.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Moeller, Secretary

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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| 9:15 -- 9:30 a.m. | Arrival & looking at SPARKS music |
| 9:30 -- 10:30 a.m. | SSMTA General Meeting |
| 10:30 -- 10:45 a.m. | Refreshments |
| 10:45 | Program |

PLEASE HELP THE MEETING RUN SMOOTHLY

Help is needed from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. to set up the tables with boxes of SPARKS music. This should also be the time that materials are put on the sign-in table.

Please arrive on time for refreshments if you plan to partake, and be seated at the tables by 9:30 a.m. so we can begin the meeting on time.

Please plan to stay for the program.

AT OUR APRIL SSMTA MEETING

Our April SSMTA meeting program will be presented by CSMTA member Linda Combellick on the subject of *Preparation for Auditions*. This promises to be an outstanding presentation!

Please join us for this excellent and informative presentation!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR APRIL MEETING

Thanks to Ardith Sloan, Gloria Ross, and Sheila Conolly-McKin, who are providing refreshments for our April SSMTA meeting!

Thanks, as well, to all who have provided refreshments during this past year!

