

SOUTH SUBURBAN MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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MEASURE FOR MEASURE

from Linda Vogan, President

Dear SSMTA Friends,

Recitals, graduations, celebrations - whew! It's that busy time of year again. I just had my Spring Recital last week, and again was reminded of why I do this job. To see students sharing their music is what it's all about. Yes, some of them failed to do as well as we had hoped – but they all got up there in front of everyone and tried their best! The joy of seeing students playing a Chopin Prelude or tricky Debussy piece is very validating after years of teaching them, but I find it equally affirming to see the joy of a second grade boy pounding away some Indian drums on those low bass notes! I hope you can enjoy seeing the fruits of your hard labors, and I also trust that you will enjoy taking a little time off in the summer to relax!!

Don't forget CSMTA conference in Ft. Collins in June, by the way!

Thanks to everyone who lent a hand in all our meetings and events throughout the year. It has been a joy to serve with you this year!!

CALENDAR

May 13: **May SSMTA Meeting/Potluck Luncheon - Arapahoe Road Baptist Church
780 E. Arapahoe Road (Please see meeting schedule herein)**



ACCOMPANIST REFERRAL LIST

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Just a reminder: If you haven't yet renewed your MTNA/CSMTA/SSMTA membership for 2014-2015, you need to renew before late June in order to guarantee that you will be in all of next year's directories!!!!!! Renewal may be made through the mail, or online at www.mtna.org

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 APRIL 8, 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 March 11, 2014 meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Gloria Ross. Gloria reported that our current checking account balance is \$6,712.58; and the CD balance is \$10,045.49. 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. Vera stated that the job consists of reminding members to pay their dues, updating member information if needed, and getting in touch with new members to welcome them.

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

PROGRAMS

The recipients of the SSMTA *Excellence in Music Awards* presented their programs today. Ardith Sloan's student, Molly Reicher, played Debussy's *Clair de Lune*. Gail Holman's student, Hailey Fulwider, played Mozart's *Fantasy in d minor*, and her own composition, entitled *Aphrodisia* (after a poem by Richard Hoffman).

Patty stated that she and Gloria Ross would be doing a master class with today's presenters.

At the May SSMTA meeting, Linda Vogan will present highlights from her trip to the MTNA conference.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

President Linda Vogan announced that the Budget Committee will be meeting in the next week and will email the proposed budget to the membership. The budget will be voted on at the May meeting.

MINUTES OF APRIL 8, 2014 SSMTA MEETING (Cont'd)

TEACHING MOMENT

Ardith Sloan presented several teaching tips from her studio, including making sheets to put in each students folder with practice tips; using lesson plans to keep track of what students are working on and to give helpful suggestions; and creating folders to organize and store articles from teaching periodicals that are useful to your teaching.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

2014 SSMTA Student Recital – The final SSMTA Student Recital this season was held April 5th and was well attended!

2014 Achievement Day – A final 2014 Achievement Day report will be given by Kat Wagner at our May 13th SSMTA meeting.

EXCELLENCE IN MUSIC AWARDS

This year's *SSMTA Excellence in Music Awards* are being given to students of Ardith Sloan and Gail Holman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was announced that Beverly Guth and Joyce Li have been given a grant to study with Alejandro Cremaschi, and will be doing a concert at Schmitt Music.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Madsen, Secretary

SSMTA MEETING DAY SCHEDULE
Tuesday, May 13, 2014

9:15 -- 9:30 a.m.	Arrival & looking at SPARKS music
9:30 -- 10:30 a.m.	SSMTA General Meeting
10:30 -- 11:30 a.m.	Program
11:30	Potluck Luncheon

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 MAY SSMTA MEETING

Our May SSMTA meeting program will be presented by SSMTA President Linda Vogan on highlights of her trip to the MTNA National Conference in Chicago in March. This promises to be an outstanding presentation!

Please join us for this excellent and informative presentation!!

REFRESHMENTS FOR OUR MAY MEETING

There will not be refreshments served since there is a potluck luncheon immediately following our SSMTA Program. Please plan to join us for the potluck following our meeting and program Tuesday!

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

