

Minutes of Suzuki School of Newton's Annual Meeting on June 3, 2009

1. After concert , Martha announced that the meeting was called to order at 8:15 pm while we still had parents there to make a quorum. She made a motion to vote on the slate of Board of Directors. Susanne seconded the motion to vote on the board of director's slate.....Meeting moved to upstairs classroom.

Martha read mission from the strategic plan booklet....explained core values of school which were character building, values, teacher strength, etc....

Areas that were strengthened over the past year:

Chamber Music offered how to keep older children involved in the school.
Preschool was added , also, to help feed the school as a whole.

2. Treasurers report:

\$ 700,000 in expenses.
90% income comes from tuition
Teacher salary is the largest expense

2 hardest cost factors school endures are:

health insurance
part time salaries

3. Sachiko's report:

Organization of school is much better.
Quality of Music is better
Quality of school-wide programming is better

Gwendoline Thornblade still in the overall picture of the school...this is a plus for the school's reputation in bringing in new students.

Craig, our treasurer, is leaving his post on the board. He has been very instrumental in keeping the books in order and always giving a detailed report. He has been a great asset to the success of the school.

Michelle and Brett are new faculty with great skills.

JeaNa and Tung will be missed-they were a great team.

Sachiko hired new staff:

2 piano teachers are Steve S. has over 30 years of experience- will be part time.
The other teacher is Yuting Lin. Sachiko met her at Suzuki workshop.

3 violin teachers are Cathy G., Michelle O. and Lee H.

Marlene will set up meeting with music school staff as a support group for the teachers. This will occur at different times throughout the year.

Marlene will also set up a meeting with Suzuki families who have had to transition with so many changes in teaching staff. this should help having these families feel more comfortable with their schedules for the fall.

Sachiko also announced that we got the Harvard Musical Assoc. and Mass Cultural Council grant again, as well as other grants.

There is an Open House planned for September 13th for the teachers, families, administrative staff to learn about each other's programs. We will announce the opening of the Preschool. Town officials will be invited as special guests. This will help spread the Suzuki spirit!

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Kideckel