

Tahoma Chapter – NATS

General Meeting

Saturday Jan. 27, 2024

University of Puget Sound, Music Building, rm.106

Attendance:

Troy Fisher, Laura Shepherd, Ted Chamberlain, Darcie Fulkerson, Brianna Kramer, Tawnya Schwartzentrab, Dennis Kruse, Hailey Wharton, Sarah Samuelson, Fran Reid, Hyewon Kim, Angela McGann, Dawn Padula, Rose Beattie, Janine Dodd, Danielle Rogers

AGENDA

- I. Call to order (Dodd, President)
Call to order at 12:13 pm (Dodd)
- II. Additions to Agenda (Dodd)
 - A. No additions to agenda (Dodd) Hyewon approves, Tanya seconded motion passed
- III. Approval of September, 2023 General Meeting Minutes (Yi, Secretary)
 - A. (Dawn approved, Ted seconded, all in favor)
- IV. Committee Reports
 - A. Auditions. January 28, 2023 (Crane, Auditions Chair) thank you Fran!
 1. (Dodd) Unusual year! Started the year making some bold changes to improve based on a survey last year. We can serve students better and is our goal for this season. New software from Nationals- today has been amazing with some great singing and adjudication so far. It's been an amazing morning! Next year will be even smoother and we are on the right track. Thank you Molly Crane and Laura Shepherd for making this happen. Fran Reid is funding the awards this year thank you, Fran!
 - B. Scholarship (Kim, Scholarship Chair)
 1. Hyewon- We have the scholarship audition happening again in person!! Woo!! Pierce college in Puyallup, high school seniors can apply. Minimum of 5 applicants to have the competition from previous years, we are getting rid of that this year and there is no minimum. Encourage students to apply! Linda, thank you for your donation to this so we are able to keep

supporting the students in this. 1750 in awards. Application is open, code by the front desk. **Deadline February 11** We will close the app on the 11th since there is no more minimum singer requirement. April Tacoma Sings hopefully at Pierce College- winners do not have to perform but they are invited to! This is where the ceremony will take place and they will get the money

2. 7pm February 26th (Monday after presidents day)
3. Please come watch! Encourage! Support!
4. No style requirements- 2 songs that show off your voice- no need to have them be in a same category, it can be whatever shows off your voice best.
5. They have to write an essay as well, let students know ASAP that is the case.

C. Dodd- Giving Tuesday, thank you to those who did Giving Tuesday this year. So much generosity was shown so thank you thank you. Made \$1700 in the end!!

Will most likely do it again next year just to get people to help us out and support

V. Treasurer's Report (Shepherd, Treasurer) View [1/27/24 Report](#), [2023 Financial Plan](#), [2024 Financial plan](#) Year end finances 2023: end of the year we had 1899.69 checking, 1751 to give out in scholarships at this moment

- A. Ended 2023 with more revenue than expenses!!
- B. Venmo had to get a separate phone number, refreshments, travel donation to NATSA Winner, compensation for volunteers by paying for their attendance for conferences. VP reimbursement for membership dues.
- C. Student auditions budget 2023: All checks cashed December 16! No more checks- only cash rewards from here on out.
- D. Scholarship last year: not sure where that came from, last year we gave out 2500 for the scholarship competition.
- E. Chapter events: brought in 1734.80 in giving tuesday to fund scholarships
- F. Ended the year bringing in 323.17 more than we spent!
- G. National software is a little messy at the moment, we are behind membership reports. Were told by the 10th of the month but we are still waiting on our December report. Received auditions income from registration
- H. Moneyminder (Laura) will set up in February
- I. Last year 79, this year 112 for Auditions today. Student revenue funds scholarships.

- J. Scholarship foundational grant check has been received
 - K. If we have a member event with a registration fee, we will put that in- Spring Sing chapter event
 - L. Move to approve (Dennis) Bri seconded, all in favor
- VI. Old business
- A. Giving Tuesday report: A major success! Again, really awesome, thank you thank you
 - B. S/O to Bob Bryan he is one of the national folks. Suggested we fundraise a few years ago and contacted Bob for help- he's been amazing in helping fundraise for our chapter. New things on the website he's been developing etc. Thumbs up to Bob!
 - C. Regional Conference Nov. 10-12 2023- success!! Encouraging more attendance, it was not as well attended as it could've been, so encouraging that for next time.
 - D. Denise- wonderful venue to be in Seattle Opera. Heard some great singing from our region. We all should try hard to make it next time even for just part of the day.
- VII. New Business
- A. Tahoma Sings! 2:00 pm April 21, 2024 Location TBA
 - 1. Week before state solo/ensemble. Helpful to do Tahoma sings before state solo and ensemble as a practice run.
 - 2. Have not put out parameters of what we want to put out for performances. We want to do teacher performances again this year, so please program things with your students! Duets etc. **Laura:** her students had a fabulous time performing, Jinshil collaborated with the students and it was a great experience for them to work with a pianist, perform for a great audience, and practice for solo and ensemble. PLEASE PARTICIPATE
 - B. The Executive Board: nominating committee needed
 - 1. We need a nominating committee- if Janine calls you up asking, please say yes :) We need more involvement in our chapter specifically in leadership. Janine has loved being president but doesn't want to do it forever, so please apply! Think about it! There are 37 of us in the chapter, so we've got options. Tahoma chapter is a band of intelligent folks and we want it to continue

2. Denise: We've had this chapter going about 21/22 years and it would not have happened without people stepping in. Ask everyone who is here (and everyone who is not) who have not taken a leadership position before, to take your turn and keep this chapter going. Start with board position (or really anything!) but if we continue to do nothing, we won't be around forever. Let's all jump in! Janine would be past president during the transition year, so consider that.

C. Fall Event: Ideas welcome!

1. Start thinking about what events you want to see for fall. We have plenty of time to make it happen so start brainstorming ideas.
2. Fran: French seminar from a previous year. She loved that and would love to see that happen again (French diction workshop)
3. Denise: Get together with other teachers and share aspects of technique-favorite warmups, etc. A coffee chat! Many people agreed with that to be a cool, helpful thing. 5 favorite vocalises. We have so many ideas to share!

D. Welcome new members

Welcome Ted!

Welcome Angie!

Welcome back Troy!

Hayley might become a member soon!!

Tanya here for the first time for auditions

VIII. Announcements

A. Regional/National Announcements

1. NATS Chats <https://www.nats.org/nats-chat.html>
 - a) Check these out. National educational opportunities.
 - b) Laura: Art and science performing voice May 3 & 4 is fantastic. Friday/Saturday. Speech therapists, laryngologists, singers, masterclasses. It's super cool. Also we will send out a survey for students for feedback. We're hoping the students felt the changes we made this year. Please have them fill out the QR code
 - c) Dawn: Thank you for being here. Please clean up the rooms at the end. Clean up instructions are at the back of the packet. Key room

is L1, every music stand or chair needs to be put back on racks.

Thank you for being here!

d) Thank you Bri, Heywon, Fran for cookies, Dawn for pizza.

2. Issues with judging:

a) Did not have sheets- chalking it up to chaos of the morning, but it should be fixed by now (Fran)

3. NATS Affinity Groups <https://www.nats.org/affinitygroups.html>

4. National Conference June 28-July 2, Knoxville TN

<https://www.nats.org/knoxville2024.html>

a) Join Janine! She's excited!

B. Other Announcements from Members

IX. Adjourn

A. Move to Adjourn (Fran) Angie second, meeting adjourned