

THE NEW YORK FLUTE CLUB, INC.
Minutes of the Annual Meeting
June 28, 2020

The annual meeting of the membership of the New York Flute Club, Inc. took place remotely via gotomeeting.com. President Nancy Toff called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

Members present:

Abigail Wellhouse, Amy Appleton, Ann Chusid, Ardith Bondi, Deirdre McArdle, Denise Koncelik, Diane Couzens, Dorothy A Taylor, Francesca Heller, Fred Marcusa, Gail Tishcoff, Irene Hecht, Janet Weaver, Jeffrey Mitchell, Jenny Cline, Judith Mendenhall, Katherine Hoffman, Katherine Saenger, Lester Yu, Louis Iozzi, Martha Rabin, Nancy Toff, Shirley Pompura, Vicki Mack, and Yiqun Zhao

On a motion by Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Ardith Bondi, the members voted to waive the reading of the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting. On a motion by Jeff Mitchell seconded by Kathy Saenger, the minutes of the 2019 annual meeting were approved unanimously.

Members received copies of the 2019-20 fiscal year Treasurer's Report, prepared by Rie Schmidt. Nancy Toff stated that due to COVID-19 approximately \$2,000 is being held aside for outstanding bills for printing and miscellaneous expenses that have not yet been received. In addition, Baruch has our payment of \$1,300 for the March concert, which was postponed, but owes us \$300 in compensation for problems at two earlier concerts.

On a motion by Deirdre McArdle, seconded by Lester Yu, the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Nancy Toff presented the President's Report.

Centennial contributions came to \$18,600 with more individual members than corporate sponsors donating. All extra money went into the education fund. Nancy Toff thanked the family of Gerardo Levy, who donated two instruments and his music library. The education fund will be named in his honor. The Governors Island event organized by Pat Zuber was very successful, with some 60 players in addition to the regular ensemble members (led by Denise Koncelik and Mark Vickers). The New York Flute Club Competition and the Young Musicians Contest, chaired respectively by Kaoru Hinata and Caroline Sonett-Assor, were very successful. The flutists of the New York Philharmonic, Metropolitan Opera, and New York City Ballet performed but due to the coronavirus the flutists of the American Ballet Theatre concert and the competition winners recital had to be canceled. The season-opening tribute to Sam Baron was well received. The Merkin Concert Hall Centennial gala performance was a huge success, a "once in a lifetime experience," and even made some money, and we published a centennial history of the Club. The 2020 Vision Flute Fair featuring the flutists of the Metropolitan Opera, at the new venue, W83, was very successful, with good luck on weather and an excellent program and contract negotiation by flute fair program chair Deirdre McArdle. Nancy Toff discussed the possibility of a virtual Fall 2020 season and a potential virtual flute fair. She remarked that we are going into the 101st year.

The next item of business was the election of new officers and the board of directors. The proposed slate of officers and directors was as follows:

President: Nancy Toff

1st Vice President: Kaoru Hinata

2nd Vice President: Pat Zuber

Recording Secretary: Deirdre McArdle

Membership Secretary: Kathy Saenger

Treasurer: May Yu (Mayo) Whu

The proposed slate of directors, to serve three-year terms, was as follows:

Fred Marcusa, Judith Mendenhall, Linda Rappaport, Rie Schmidt

They will join Amy Appleton, Jenny Cline, Diane Couzens, Jeff Mitchell, Jayn Rosenfeld, Nicole Schroeder, and Malcolm Spector, previously elected board members still serving their terms.

Jenny Cline made a motion to vote on the proposed slate of officers and directors as a bloc. The motion was seconded by Ardith Bondi and passed unanimously.

Nancy Toff requested program ideas and volunteers for 2020-21. She said that we were investigating the possibility of holding a group gathering outdoors, if it is safe, but that concerts would probably be virtual. She mentioned virtual mini classes, masterclasses, and coffee chats, and asked for suggestions. Carol Wincenc said that the bottom line is that students want to play so the club needs to think of ways to make this happen for them. Nancy Toff remarked that we'd recently been unable to host foreign flutists because of visa requirements but could easily do so virtually. Nancy Toff said that the board wants to hear who people want to hear perform and what would be interesting for them.

On a motion by Jeff Mitchell, seconded by Louis Iozzi, the meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Deirdre McArdle, Recording Secretary