

**Portland District  
Oregon Music Teachers Association**

Portland Piano Company

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Samantha Smith, President, Denise Kangas, Recorder

Call to order: 9:07 a.m.

The minutes from September were approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Cindy Peterson-Peart, Checking balance is \$11,591.94 and Savings is \$10,048.18. It was reported that Festival participation is down. There is a \$500 travel grant for Nathan Kim to go to Baltimore this year. Oregon State University is offering more degree offerings for piano in the fall of 2017.

**Correspondence:** Samantha read for Alice Lyle, a get well card was sent to Juanita Free, sympathy cards were sent to Nicholas and Lise Lehmann, Lisette Sage and the family of Helen Libonati. A Congratulatory card was sent to Selina Manson and Holly Counts.

**Membership:** Liz Willis introduced three new members that were able to make today's meeting and announced that 3 more had joined since the beginning of the year. There was a meeting for new members last November and it was requested that they are able to witness a syllabus exam.

**Romantic Festival:** No news reported. The dates are April 29 and May 6.

**Classical Festival:** Samantha reported that Donna Gunn gave a successful presentation that can be viewed on the State OMTA website. Many teachers were surprised about the certificate. All participants get a certificate, honorable mentions had a silver seal and outstanding achievements a gold seal.

**Baroque/Contemporary Festival:** Debra Sostrin reported that the dates are Feb 4,5 and 11,12. There are still volunteer jobs to fill.

**Ensemble Festival:** Fen-Fang Tsao reported a successful festival despite the snow storm that interfered. Four groups couldn't be there and so have been rescheduled during part of the Baroque Festival.

**Concerto Competition:** Marjorie Janove, Registration is open now through March 3. The event is April 9 at Portland Piano Company and the Winner's Recital is April 22 at Michelle's Piano.

**Composition Festival:** Dianne Davies reported that the deadline is Feb. 5 and the event is on Sat. March 4th at Michelle's Piano.

**In Good Hands:** Dianne Davies brought flyers for a composition event on June 29th at the Old Church, all are welcome to become involved as performers or composers.

**Beaverton Focus Group:** The last meeting was a presentation by Jeanine Jacobsen on Memorization. Next meeting is Weds., April 12 on how to use "e-scores". Ross Harris will take over as chairman next year.

**Hillsboro Focus Group:** Susan Todd reported that the next meeting was March 1st at the Brookwood Library, Phyllis Pfeiffer would present on Learning Styles. June 7th would be a roll out for the voice syllabus.

**Far East Focus Group:** Next meeting is Feb 20th 9:30 - 11:30 and the topic is non verbal learning styles Another east side group is in the works for next fall.k

**Bethany Focus Group:** Debra Sostrin, next meeting is on Feb. 15th at Mary Kogan's studio where she will be presenting a learning styles workshop. On March 15th Arno Patin will talk about the relationship of the pianist with the piano at Christ United Methodist in Cedar Mill.

**ESMAR** Jan Mittelstadt, Extended Study of Musicianship and Repertoire is for any students who complete level 10 syllabus early. The assessment is on April 28 and the recital in May. Jan also reported that Cascadia Composers Concert is March 12, 2:00 at Oregon Historical Society. It is a concert in remembrance of the Japanese Internment.

**Music Link:** Debra Sostrin encouraged members to sign up and also think about scholarships that were available for summer music camps.

**Blog/Website:** Samantha and Solveig are still working on the website and hope to be finished by May. Any Social Media announcements should be directed to Amy Belisle.

Susan Chan reported that on May 24th Ivonna Kaminska will be teaching a class on teaching Chopin and that on April 21st PSU Steinway Series will include a masterclass with Andrew?????

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m

Respectfully submitted; Denise Kangas, recording secretary