

**Portland District  
Oregon Music Teachers Association**

Portland Piano Company

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Samantha Smith, President, Denise Kangas, Recorder

Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

The minutes from January were approved.

**President's Report:** Samantha Smith announced that this would be her last meeting as president because she is moving to Wisconsin. Irene Huang will be stepping up to replace her in the fall.

**Treasurer's report:** Cindy Peterson-Peart reported that the Checking balance is \$15,405.46 and the Savings balance is \$10,049.43.

**Correspondence:** Alice Lyle reported that 15 cards were sent since the January meeting.

**Membership:** Liz Willis reported that there are 7 new members since January. On April 22nd she hosted a Syllabus introduction for new members and another will be scheduled in the fall.

**Festival Committees:** It was agreed that each festival chair needed to include an explanation of the certificates in their instructions. Classical Festival will be canceled next year if someone does not volunteer to take over. It was news to a lot of members that the chair gets some monetary compensation.

Concerto Competition will be renamed the Trulo Whelen Festival.

Compositon Festival: Dianne Davies reported that it was a great success in March.

In Good Hands will feature a variety of instruments and will take place on Thursday, June 29th at 3:00 p.m. at The Old Church.

**Focus Groups:**

Beaverton: Ross Harris is taking over for Dianne Davies.

Hillsboro: Susan Todd announced that the voice syllabus will be rolled out on June 7th at the home of Jeanie Enslow.

**Music Link:** Debra Sostrin reported that they would have a booth at the State Conference. They are trying to expand more students, teachers and business sponsors across the state so that there are equal opportunities for all.

**ESMAR:** Jan Mittelstadt reported that everyone gets a certificate of participation and the adjudicator invites some to participate in the recital. It can be used when a student has finished syllabus or not. They must be in high school and can only participate once.

**Website:** Samantha reported that she and Solveig have been working on the website to become more user friendly. It is just about done.

**Honorary Life Members:** Susan Todd honored two Portland teachers who were being honored by the state, for their dedicated service to OMTA Barbara Parker and Jan Mittelstaedt. They both received a bouquet of flowers and much congratulations.

**Misc. Announcements:** Brenda and Mitch addressed our members with the breaking news that Portland Piano Company would be moving to a new location near the airport.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted; Denise Kangas, Recording Secretary