



**OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES FOR THE PORTLAND DISTRICT MEETING  
September 19, 2012 | Sherman Clay Pianos | Portland**

**CALL TO ORDER** President **Cherise da Cunha** called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**MINUTES** Recording Secretary **Susan Todd** provided the members with minutes from the May 23, 2012 meeting. Minutes were approved.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer Cindy Peterson-Peart** reported that balances were \$14,551.50 in checking and \$10,028.22 in savings. The district ended the 2011-12 in the black, \$1,230.59 under budget. The 2012-13 budget was distributed. Cindy noted that additional budget items included \$1500 for website update, \$ for the biannual thank-you lunch, and estimated income and expenses for the new Contemporary Festival.

**Corresponding Secretary Alice Lyle** reported sending four thank-you and congratulations cards since the May meeting, and encouraged members to email her when someone needs a card.

**OMTA President-elect Peterson-Peart** announced details of the 2013 OMTA Conference, set for June 27-30 at the River House in Bend. **Dr. Peter Mack, Dr. Fred Karpof** and **Nancy O'Neil Breth** will be presenters. Cindy encouraged Portland teachers to pull out their phones and put the event on their calendars and plan to have a big Portland contingent in attendance.

**OMTA Foundation Chair Robyn Pfeifer** introduced OMTA's 2013 Foundation Fellow nominee, **Pauline Eidemiller**. Contributions toward the \$1,000 to fund Pauline's nomination may be sent to MTNA directly. For future reference, if the new Fellow nomination has not been announced by the time members want to pay their dues and they want to include a foundation donation, they can just indicate the donation is to go towards the following year's Fellow nomination. Donations go to the national level and are redistributed to the local level—for composers, teacher and students.

**OMTA Syllabus Chair Beth Crosby** announced that the Spring Syllabus dates for Portland are posted on the [www.OMTA-Portland.org](http://www.OMTA-Portland.org) website. The Leggiero online registration program is up and running for five Portland syllabus areas for Fall Syllabus. Teachers are encouraged to view the helpful hints page and email or call Ramona Goddard for help. Early reports are that the program is delightfully easy to use.

The state Syllabus Committee made several updates to syllabus requirements, to take effect with Spring 2013. These syllabus updates were emailed to all and included several important points.

**President Cherise da Cunha** announced that the Portland District Board voted to waive District dues for all State Honorary Lifetime Members, effective 2013. The board also voted to revitalize the District Honorary Lifetime Member program. Cherise will take nominations of 25-year+ members who have rendered outstanding service on the District Board. Nominations are due November 30. Cherise expressed thanks to **Cindy Peterson-Peart** for refreshments. **Alice Lyle** volunteered to host the January meeting. Cherise reminded members to "like" Portland District on Facebook and visit the site to learn of interesting non-OMTA events coming up. While non-OMTA events cannot be printed in the Maestro, they can be mentioned on Facebook, so send information to Cherise.

Cherise reminded all event chairs and focus group hosts that MTNA Liability Insurance Forms must be filled out for every venue—festival, syllabus, focus groups. The process is quite easy and Cherise can send the instructions and link to anyone who needs it.

**Membership—Alona Maizlin** announced that five new members have joined the district since May, one provisional and four active, with many more applications in process. Alona introduced **Gulchin Tabarus** from Chicago, a transfer MTNA member who will be giving a solo recital November 16 recital at Sherman Clay; **Liamute Meurer** who trained in Lithuania and is living in Vancouver, **Lara**

**Janzen** from Canada who is now living in SE in the Clackamas area and **Ross Harris**, trained in jazz, saxophone, classical piano and living in the Hillsdale area.

## **FESTIVALS**

**Classical Festival** chair **Grace Waites** announced event dates of November 2-4 and 10-11, 2012. The firm Registration Deadline is October 1, 2012. Online Registration with Leggiero is now open. Checks are to be postmarked by October 2, to be received by Grace no later than October 5. Volunteers are needed for monitoring recitals. Non-participating teachers can sign up to monitor on the Leggiero site after the schedule is posted. Site-coordinators for the venues on November 3, 4 and 10, contact Grace to volunteer.

**Ensemble Festival** chair **Cindy Peterson-Peart** announced the January 19, 2013 date is a week earlier than usual. Registrations will be posted soon, with a deadline in mid-November.

**Baroque Festival** chair **Evanee Knezevich** (nee Terrall) announced that the festival will be held February 1-3, 2013 and that the plan is to include a Friday morning workshop like last year.

Other Dates: **Contemporary Festival** – February 8-10, 2013 (**Deborah Cleaver**)

**Composition Celebration** – TBA (**Chair needed**)

**Romantic Festival** – April 27-28 and May 3-5, 2013 (**Irene Huang**)

## **FOCUS GROUPS**

**Hillsboro** November 7 **Lisa Marsh** will present at Calvary Lutheran Church, all members welcome.

**Beaverton** coordinator **Dianne Davies** asked members to give her their contact information.

**Far East** October 12 **Sylvia Kilman** will host a chat on all things musical

Solveig Sorenson will post programs if coordinators get the information to her.

For other Focus Group info, go to [www.OMTA-Portland.org](http://www.OMTA-Portland.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Program Chair Kelli Stephens** announced that **Jeff and Karen Savage**, who are on the faculty at Washington State University, will present the January 23, 2013 program, with a focus on pedaling.

New **OMTA Certification Chair Wilma Hawkins** was introduced. Members are encouraged to contact Wilma for details on certification or renewals.

**Elizabeth Kohl** from Washington State Music Teachers Association invited Portland members to the Clark County WSMTA chapter program on January 26, featuring a program and Master Class by Jean-David Coen. Details can be found on their website, <http://ccmtaonline.org>.

## **PROGRAM**

Following the break, program chair **Kelli Stephens** introduced the program presenters, **Clair Wachter** and **Dean Kramer** from the University of Oregon. Clair and Dean gave a lecture/demonstration on the music of Chopin.

**Next Meeting: January 23, 2013, 9:00 a.m.** at Sherman Clay Pianos.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Todd

Recording Secretary