

**OREGON MUSIC TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
MINUTES FOR THE PORTLAND DISTRICT MEETING
September 21, 2011
Sherman Clay Pianos, Portland**

CALL TO ORDER

President Cherise da Cunha called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

MINUTES

Recording Secretary Susan Todd provided the members with minutes from the May 25, 2011 meeting. Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Treasurer Cindy Peterson-Peart reported that balances were \$12,353.65 in savings and \$10,018.16 in checking. Final report for the 2010-11 fiscal year was \$1,765.40 in the black. Budget copies for 2011-12 were made available for members. New this year is a separate line item for Leggerio online festival registration software, which was previously incorporated with festival expenses.

Cindy also reported that **Becky Brown**, who was Portland District Recording Secretary and who co-chaired the Ensemble Festival, lost her battle with lung cancer this July. She was 57. Becky's husband, Stuart Brown, has inquired about establishing a memorial for Becky through OMTA. With **Molly Wheeler**, Cindy is investigating setting up a non-competitive scholarship program, possibly to enable students to attend summer music camps.

Corresponding Secretary Alice Lyle reported sending five cards since the May meeting.

President Cherise da Cunha reported that the Participation Trophy program has changed to include a 4th and 5th level, and that details are available in the OMTA Handbook, which was mailed to members in August. Nancy Harris is the state chair, and Pattie Duthie is the Portland District chair.

Cherise also reported that non-OMTA events will no longer be announced in the district newsletter, *The Maestro*, due to the district's 501.c.3 status. The publications team is investigating offering paid advertising.

Cherise thanked **Jan Mittelstaedt** and **Susan Todd** for providing refreshments and asked for volunteers for January and May. **Cindy Peterson-Peart** and **LaRayne Rowland** volunteered.

Cherise distributed fliers for a class taught by Linda Scot, Registered Piano Technician on Understanding Your Piano. The class is being offered at Portland Community College's Sylvania campus on Wednesday evenings in October.

Membership—Alona Maizlin announced that seven new members have joined the district from all directions and fields, including piano, cello, bells, choral, composers, music theater. Three new members were present to receive flowers and greetings. Cherise da Cunha seconded Alona's encouragement to reach out and welcome new members.

Syllabus Coordinator LaRayne Rowland reported that the Spring 2012 dates are posted on the www.OMTA-Portland.org website, and that chairs are still needed for Hillsboro Upper Division. A syllabus chairs meeting will be held on October 5 at LaRayne's home in Hillsboro.

State Syllabus Chair Beth Crosby will explain changes in the 2012 syllabus and lead a discussion on handling problems chairs typically encounter. **Voice Syllabus** will be November 19. **String Syllabus chair Ruth Sadilek** announced dates January 7 and May 12-13. Beth Crosby announced that the flute syllabus is just about ready to publish. It has been updated by **Lanetta Paul, Kristine Parker** and **Jill Gamble**. Beth also announced that the 2012 update of the piano syllabus is available at today's meeting, on the www.OregonMTA.org website and through the state OMTA office. Fall syllabus will use the 2007 edition, and teachers are required to use the 2012 version starting with spring, 2012.

FESTIVALS

Classical Festival—Grace Waites, chair, announced the dates of November 4-6 and 12-13. Online registration is open, and cuts off at midnight on September 30. Checks and a copy of MTNA membership card must be postmarked by October 1 and in Grace's hands by October 5. Event will be held at Sherman Clay and Michele's (note new location.) Teachers were reminded to volunteer themselves or their high school students to monitor, or to pay the teacher fee if volunteering is impossible. Site Coordinators are needed for each site.

Ensemble Festival—Cindy Peterson-Peart, chair, announced the date of January 28 at Sherman Clay.

Baroque Festival—Evanee Terrall will be the new chairperson. Dates in early February are subject to confirmation, check The Maestro.

Composition Celebration—Alena Dubauskaya is the new chairperson, details to come.

Romantic Festival will be April 27-29

Trula Whalen Concerto Competition—Paula Watt, chair, will announce dates in The Maestro.

FOCUS GROUPS

Beaverton—Portland District member **Darlene Cusik** was a semi-finalist in the Van Cliburn amateur competition. She will tell of her experience and give tips on keeping up performance skills on Wednesday, October 5, 9:30 a.m. in her home studio. Contact Cindy Peterson-Peart for details.

Bethany—**Taylor MacKinnon, RPT** will deconstruct **Eileen Knox's** piano on October 12 or 19. Check the website for details.

East Side—**Margaret Littlehales** will give a program on October 21. Contact **Shirley Sonk** for details.

Hillsboro—September's program was given by Rhonda Ringering on teaching our students jazz, pop and praise team music. **Oliver Poida** will present the November 2 program, check the www.OMTA-Portland.org website for details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LaRayne Rowland announced that the OMTA group subscription renewal for **Clavier Companion** is due November 10. Checks for \$20 for the six issues should be made to LaRayne. Issues are sent to the individual subscribers.

Ruth Sadilek announced that the **Oregon Federated Music Clubs** will have its 2011 Biennial Conference on October 22 at Marylhurst University. The National Federated Music Clubs president, Carolyn Nelson will be present. Guest clinician is Dennis Alexander, and Kwan Yi will give a concert and Masterclass. Members who have students who would like to play in the master classes should contact Cindy Peterson-Peart. Register at www.oregonfmc.org.

Shandra Phadke of the **Piano Santa Foundation** announced a Grand Scholarship competition for the use of a Yamaha GB1 grand piano for two years. Applications and information available at www.PianoSanta.org. There are also scholarships for upright pianos for students on free and reduced lunch, who have been taking piano for at least three months. Piano Santa is going to have a Face Book page soon.

Jan Mittelstaedt announced upcoming concerts by the Cascadia Composers. Their women's composers concert "Crazy Jane" will be held Friday, September 23, 7:30 p.m. at Portland State University's Room 75. OMTA Members Jan Mittelstaedt and **Rhonda Ringering** will be among the composers and performers.

Eileen Knox announced that the updated editions of the Super Scales a la Syllabus books are available for purchase after the meeting or through the OMTA office. After the expenses of updating and printing are met, all additional proceeds go to help fund the OMTA office.

PROGRAM

Following the break, program chairs **Paula Watt** and **Kelli Stephens** introduced the program. **Geneva Wright** presented changes in the OMTA Syllabus program and gave tips on using the syllabus successfully with students. **Jan Mittelstaedt** and **Melissa Terrall** introduced the new Extended Study of Musicianship and Repertoire program (ESMAR).

Next Meeting: January 25, 2012, 9:00 a.m. at Sherman Clay Pianos, program TBA.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan M. Todd

Recording Secretary