

2019 RMTA Meeting Minutes (August 18)

The August meeting was held at the home of Leigh Robison on August 18, 2019 at 2:30. Those in attendance were: Amy Neal, Kay Greene, Denise Brown, Jordan Walker, Kathryn Nobles, Jerico Vasquez, Martha House, Sandy Yeargan, Kyla Zollitsch, Christina Toole, Leigh Robison, and Shelley Reid. Because there were 3 new members, introductions were made.

At 2:45 Amy called the meeting to order. Shelley read the minutes from the May meeting. Kyla made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Kathryn Nobles seconded the motion.

Amy Neal announced that she went to the state GMTA meeting on August 17. There was some concern about reduced membership so we were encouraged to invite new people.

Amy then mentioned upcoming educational opportunities. The GMTA conference is November 7-9 @ Columbus State University and there will be an RMTA workshop on Sept. 22 @ 2:00 at Shorter. Dr. Kasandra Keeling and Dr. Ivan Hurd will be presenting. They are performing a recital on Monday September 23 at 7:00. We discussed having them do a master class but decided not to because it's too early in the year for students to be ready. The MTNA conference is March 21-25 in Chicago this year.

We were then informed that Decatur MTA hosts a festival for high school students on October 26. Each student is required to play the slow movement of a Sonata by Beethoven, Mozart, Haydn, or Schubert and a contrasting piece. Participation is low for this event.

Next, Kyla Zollitsch presented the treasurers report. We have \$3027.18 in savings and \$1361.37 in checking. Leigh made a motion to approve as read. Amy seconded the motion.

Following the treasurer's report, the group discussed money. It was decided that we need to be more conservative with our scholarship grants and not give a \$500 scholarship for the spring competition every year. The question was whether or not we should we give \$500 every other year or \$300 every year. It was proposed that we give a \$300 scholarship to the advanced winner every year and a \$50 cash prize to the second place winner. The winner of the intermediate division will receive \$50 and the second place winner will receive \$25. In the elementary division, the first place winner will receive \$25 and the second place winner will receive \$15. Sandy made a motion to accept this proposal and Kay seconded. The motion carried.

Sandy also made a motion to continue giving a \$100 scholarship to any senior planning to major in music in college. Kay seconded the motion and it carried. Leigh read a thank you note from Kayla Hutcherson who received a \$100 scholarship for this fall.

Next, we reviewed calendar for the year. The date for hymn festival has been changed to Sept 29 and the NFMC Junior festival is scheduled for January 25 at Berry College. Make up auditions will be on Sunday January 26. Guild is scheduled for the week of May 11-15. We do not know the date for the GMTA local festival yet. Amy will check with Kris Carlisle about this.

Amy then told us that GMTA is asking local associations to donate something to raffle at the state conference as a fundraiser. We decided to donate a piano works gift card as well as Swift and Finch coffee and a mug. Amy made the motion to do this and Kyla seconded.

Columbus MTA asked GMTA to ask MNTA to name John Robert Poe as an honorary fellow. They are asking local associations to donate towards the \$1500 to have him made an MTNA fellow. Kathryn made a motion to donate \$50. Christina seconded. The motion was carried.

Lastly, upcoming performances were announced. The Shorter faculty gala is Friday August 23 at 7:30. There is a duo piano recital on September 23 at 7:30 and Jerico's recital is February 24, 2020 at 7:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50.