

2022 RMTA August Meeting Minutes

On Sunday, August 28, 2022, RMTA held a meeting at Berry College. Attendees were Christina Toole, Amy Neal, Shelley Reid, Gina Hicks, Jerico Vasquez, Kyla Zollitsch, Jordan Walker, Kathryn Nobles, Leigh Robison, Kim Briggs, Jessica Briggs, Stacy Tadino, Missy Schmidt, and Cole Renner.

RMTA president, Christina Toole, called the meeting to order at 2:45 P.M. RMTA secretary, Shelley Reid, read the minutes from the May meeting. Amy Neal made a motion to approve the minutes as read and Missy Schmidt seconded the motion. Next, RMTA Treasurer, Kyla Zollitsch, gave the treasurer's report. We earned 15 cents in interest! The current balance is \$2049.51 which is a return to pre-covid levels. Kathryn Nobles motioned to approve the treasurer's report. Leigh seconded the motion.

Christina reminded everyone about the GMTA conference at Kennesaw State University on November 3-5, 2022. Everyone agreed that we will donate a \$50 gift card for Piano Works as our contribution to the conference.

Next, we discussed the GMTA and GATE theory tests. Amy and Christina and possibly some others would like to have their students participate. It was decided that February or March would be the best time to schedule this. Amy will reserve a classroom at either Berry or Shorter and will administer the test. The cost is \$15. There are five levels and there are practice tests available online. Amy will become the new chair of the GMTA Auditions, replacing Kris Carlisle. Christina will send an email with dates and sample tests.

Non-association events were then discussed. The Shorter Hymn festival is September 18. Students will play two pieces for Amy or Jerico and receive comments and a ribbon. This is available to anyone – members as well as non-members.

The NFMC Junior Festival will be January 28 at Berry. Gina reminded us that dues are due by October 15. Everything is online this year. Please refamiliarize yourself with the Vivace program. You may send a check for the dues, but they prefer payment online. Local dues are due to Gina by December 1. Please write a separate check to Floyd Fine Arts for \$15 and mail it to Gina. The Floyd Fine Arts account balance is \$7765.19. Gina asked us to think about the idea of awarding some smaller cash awards to encourage students in the lower levels. We will continue to offer a \$350 continuing music education scholarship to a student in Difficult 1 or above.

GFMC is sponsoring a duo piano recital at Piano Works on September 17 at 11:00 after the meeting.

Kathryn then gave a Guild report. Kathryn has requested the week of May 8-12, 2023 but it has not yet been approved. It will be held at Berry. Times will be between 9:30-6:30 or 10:00-7:00. Kim Briggs is the chair of Guild in Adairsville. She is planning for May 8-10.

Next, we discussed the calendar of events.

September 18 – Hymn Festival, Shorter University

October 2 – Fall Recital, Berry College, Bell Recital Hall 2:30

Chair: Jerico Vasquez

Deadline: September 25

November 3-5 – GMTA conference @ KSU

November 13 – Jazz and Pop Competition, Shorter University

Chairs: Jordan Walker and Leigh Robison

Deadline: October 31

Fee: \$20

December 3 – Christmas on the Keys at the Spires

Chairs: Kyla Zollitsch and Shelley Reid

Deadline: November 1

Fee: \$20

January 28 – Junior Festival, Berry College

February 26 – June Montgomery Recital, Westminster Presbyterian Church

Chair: Kathryn Nobles

March 5 – Workshop and Masterclass with Huu Mai, Shorter University

Chair: Christina Toole

March 19 – Spring Competition – Romantic, Shorter University

Chairs: Amy Neal and Jerico Vasquez

Deadline: March 5

Fee: \$20

TBA – Guild Auditions, Berry College

TBA – May meeting and elections

June Montgomery sent sheet music for teachers to take and give to students. In order to avoid students playing the same pieces at the recital, Christina will set up a Google doc for sign-ups. The ladies of Westminster Presbyterian will provide a reception. There will also be an autograph/picture station. The deadline to sign up is November 1.

Huu Mai will give a lecture on developing artistry in March. Intermediate to advanced students will be eligible to play for the master class.

We then discussed literature for the Romantic competition. Romantic Debussy and Ravel works are allowed, but romantic works by contemporary composers such as Bober and Rollin are not. Beethoven Sonatas are also not eligible for this competition.

Jerico is currently working on setting up an RMTA Facebook page. As soon as it is ready, he will invite members.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 and cookies were enjoyed by all.