

## **RMTA Meeting Minutes**

### **Sunday, August 27, 2023**

On Sunday, August 27, 2023 at 2:30 pm, the Rome Music Teachers Association held its annual fall meeting. Attendees were Amy Neal, Kathryn Nobles, Shelley Reid, Leigh Robison, Christina Toole, Jericho Vasquez, Jordan Walker, Sandy Yeargan, and Kyla Zollitsch.

RMTA President Shelley Reid called the meeting to order at 2:32 pm. RMTA Secretary Amy Neal read the minutes from the May Meeting. Christina Toole made a motion to approve the minutes as read, and Kathryn Nobles seconded the motion.

Next, RMTA Treasurer Kyla Zollitsch gave the Treasurer's Report. The balance in the checking account has increased to \$1927. The scholarship account has a balance of \$2031.73. As a follow-up to the May meeting, Kyla looked into moving our funds to a high-interest savings account. However, we do not meet the minimum balance requirement (\$2500) at River City Bank. Discussion followed about whether we should consider other financial institutions or a CD. But in the end, everyone agreed to leave the accounts where they are.

Then we discussed our calendar of events for the 2023-2024 school year. Dates remain the same as the May meeting calendar:

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| Sept 24 | Hymn Festival, Shorter University<br>Deadline: Sept 11<br>Fee: \$20  |
| Oct 22  | Fall Recital, Shorter University, 2:30 pm<br>Chair: Jordan Walker<br>Deadelin: October 9                                     |
| Nov 2-4 | GMTA Conference, Shorter University  |
| Nov 12  | Jazz & Pop Competition, Shorter University<br>Chairs: Leigh Robison & Missy Schmidt<br>Deadline: October 30<br>Fee: \$25     |
| Dec 2   | Christmas on the Keys, Spires at Berry College<br>Chairs: Kyla Zollitsch & Shelley Reid<br>Deadline: November 1<br>Fee: \$25 |
| Jan 27  | NFMC Junior Festival, Berry College<br>Chair: Gina Hicks   |

Feb 25	GATE/GMTA Theory Tests/Local Auditions Chairs: Amy Neal (theory) & Jericho Vasquez (auditions) Deadline: January 15
Mar 24	Spring Competition (20th Century), Shorter University, 2:30 pm Chairs: Amy Neal & Jerico Vasquez Fee: \$25
TBA	Guild Auditions, Berry College
TBA	May Business Meeting

As a follow-up to the May meeting, members discussed possible charities to support with our funds from Christmas on the Keys, now that we no longer have it at the hospital. Members proposed several charities, including Hospitality House, Ruth and Naomi House, PAWS, Restoration Rome, and Brighter Birthdays. After a vote, Ruth and Naomi House was the most popular choice. Kathryn Nobles made a motion to use our funds from Christmas on the Keys 2023 to support Ruth and Naomi House. Leigh Robison seconded the motion.

After the usual business, there were many details to consider for the upcoming GMTA Conference at Shorter University. For the goodie bags, Amy has arranged for bags and post-it notes from Piano Works. She will also arrange items from Shorter University. Kyla has arranged for maps and brochures from the City of Rome. Sandy will try to get mints donated from Olive Garden, and then RMTA will provide additional candy or mints as needed. GMTA will also provide some items. Shorter MTNA students will stuff the bags before the conference. For hospitality, GMTA is providing \$250 to our local association. Kyla made a motion to use the \$200 we typically pay in workshop fees for additional GMTA hospitality. Sandy seconded the motion, resulting in a total budget of \$450 for conference expenses. Shelley Reid will purchase paper goods, bottled water, prepackaged snacks, and serving tongs. She will also arrange to have coffee delivered from Blue Cup Coffee, because they were cheaper than Swift & Finch. Amy will provide hot tea items. Sandy Yeargan will see if we can get breakfast items donated from Chick-fil-A, Krispy Kreme, and/or Dunkin' Donuts. Other members will provide home-baked snacks.

We briefly discussed whether to donate items to the GMTA raffles this year, but agreed that we are spending quite a bit of our money on the conference already. Similarly we declined to purchase an ad in the GMTA Newsletter or to donate to the MTNA foundation for David Watkins' nomination.

Finally, Shelley announced the members can sign up to volunteer at the MTNA Conference in Atlanta if they are interested. Other reminders includes the Catherine Rollin workshop on September 16 and the Kevin Olson workshop on October 13.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm, and then members enjoyed light refreshments provided by Shelley Reid.