

RMTA Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018

The spring meeting/ luncheon was held at the home of Catherine Seigler. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 by Kathryn Nobles. Erin McPherson, Jerico Vasquez, Amy Neal, Kyla Cummins Zollitsch, Leigh Roberson, Shelley Reid, Catherine Seigler, and Kathryn Nobles were in attendance. The minutes were read by Shelley Reid and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was given by Kyla Cummins Zollitsch. It was discussed that the scholarship account is not drawing interest. Catherine Seigler made a motion to move it to an interest bearing account. Amy Neal seconded the motion. Everyone agreed to trust Kyla to find a good interest bearing account at the same bank. The current balance in this account is \$2521.32. The current balance in the checking account is \$1824.19. A motion was made to transfer \$500 to the scholarship account by Jerico and seconded by Leigh which will bring the balance down to \$1324.19. A motion was made by Kathryn to accept the treasury report as read and seconded by Amy.

A reminder was given to renew MTNA memberships. The 2018 GMTA conference will be November 1-3, 2019 at UGA and is free to all members who pre register by October 15.

Next, the calendar for the 2018-2019 year was discussed. Some teachers mentioned that we have too many events. However, it was decided to keep all events because participation in each one has been good. In addition to RMTA events, Shorter will have a hymn festival but the date will be planned after our schedule is set.

Calendar for 2018-2019

June 2-3, 2018 - Keys to Rome There will be painted pianos around town. Kyla will coordinate students playing again. Let Kyla know if you have any students who want to participate.

August 12 @ 2:30 P.m. - RMTA Tea - Held at Shelley's house

October 21 @ 2:30 P.m. - RMTA Fall Recital - Shorter University (Amy and Jerico will confirm.) Amy will chair this event.

Nov. 11 @ 2:00 and 3:00 - Jazz/Pop Competition - Berry College (Kathryn will confirm.) Erin and Leigh will co chair.

December 8 - Christmas on the Keys -Floyd Medical Center Shelley and Kyla will chair.

January- Ideas were discussed for a workshop in January. Jerico will ask Alex Wasserman to do a workshop/master class on January 13, 2019. Chenny Gan is also a possibility for an improvisation workshop. We will pay \$250 for a master class and lecture.

February - GMTA Auditions. Students must take the GATE theory test and then perform 2 contrasting pieces. This is available for students between 4th grade and 11th grade. Regionals will then be held at the University of West Georgia.

February 2 or 26 - NFMC Junior Festival (Gina will confirm date and place.)

Gold Cup Recital - TBA

March 17- Romantic Competition - At Berry College Jerico and Amy will co-chair the event. Amy's mother-in-law may be the judge.

May 6-10 - Guild

May 14 @ 10:00 A.M. Spring luncheon place TBA

There was a lot of discussion about the spring competition. Jerico suggested having a 20th century competition instead of a Romantic competition. It was also suggested that we eliminate the Sonatina/Sonata competition and just rotate through the stylistic eras including 20th century music. We discussed changing it from a competition to a recital. Most of the teachers want to continue it as a competition. A suggestion was made to have cash prizes instead of medals. We discussed giving a scholarship prize every year since we have a healthy balance in the account instead of just for the Sonatina/Sonata competition.

In the end, it was decided to continue with plans to have a romantic competition this year and then decide next year whether or not to eliminate the Sonatina/Sonata competition and just rotate through the periods. We also decided to postpone a decision on whether or not to have a scholarship prize every year rather than just for the Sonatina/Sonata competition.

Shelley made a motion to change the competition to two divisions (primary/elementary and intermediate/advanced) and to have cash prizes for first and second place. Jerico seconded the motion. In the primary/elementary division, the Outstanding Performer will receive \$25 and the Award of Excellence will receive \$10. In the intermediate/advanced division the Outstanding Performer will receive \$50 and the Award of Excellence will receive \$25. The judge may also award as many

“Honorable Mentions” as he/she wishes. These performers will receive a gold seal on their certificates.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 P.M. Catherine made the motion, Leigh seconded it. A delicious lunch of Doug’s Deli sandwiches, salads, and desserts was enjoyed by all.