

CCMTA MEETING, April 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Debbie Lee. We met in the First Congregational Church, Hazel Dell. There were 10 members present.

Christina Lind visited our chapter today. She's a former student of Genie Hoffman, and currently studying with Helen Murray, as well as managing a studio herself. Welcome Christina!

Genie Hoffman, Treasurer, gave her report. She said that our expenses balanced out with our income. There are times when it looks like we're in the red for an event, but that's because we haven't collected all the registration monies, for instance.

TEACHERS' RECITAL is May 2nd, 4:00pm, at the First Congregational Church, 1220 NE 68th St., Vancouver, WA 98665. Please tell everyone you know about this wonderful recital! Let your students & their families know about it, too! It will be such a terrific program! Donations support scholarships for graduating high school seniors who are majoring in music this fall. It's a good cause, and we applaud the time, effort, resources, and participation that Lena Vozheiko-Wheaton & Cinda Redman so freely give—on top of their crazy busy studios and leadership for many of our events. Thank you so much, ladies!

Cinda & Lena expressed frustration and disappointment about the lack of participation for this year's Teachers Recital. There's not as much participation as in the past, and they're having a heck of a time getting members to help with such things as programs, etc. Cinda's student Phoebus Tsai whipped out a really nice flyer for her, and she passed them out to us today. Look online for more details, or email Cinda or Lena with your offers to help....for instance nice ordierves (yes, yes, I know-not correct spelling! :/) for the reception. Martha offered to chair the reception. Beth Duvall offered to do the programs. Thank you ladies for helping!

The Budget Funds Committee has met! Genie, Debbie, & Beth report that they decided to keep the 'Piano Fund' money as a 'nest egg', or for extra expenses throughout the year, if needed. (For instance, Lena V-W has secured DR. PETER MACK to do our January workshop next year! YAHOO!

He's nationally & internationally busy AND expensive, but we have the money to have this truly fantastic educator give our workshop!) The cost of fixing the Baldwin grand here at this church prohibits doing that, and so the committee decided to keep the piano fund on hand for now. Not using this money does NOT AFFECT OUR 5013C IRS status at all.

This budget committee sees the need for more members in our chapter, and wonders if having business cards to leave in appropriate businesses, and for each of us to hand out to our musical friends might be a smart option to help us expand our membership. Every organization needs 'new blood', who can take it into the future, and we do, too. We appreciate the new teachers who've come into CCMTA in recent years and taken on some of the work of putting on educational experiences for our students! A motion was made by Beth to spend the money for generic (no personal names) CCMTA business cards. Martha Natiuk seconded the motion. We voted, and it passed.

Everything we do in the Music Teachers Association is to promote musical experiences for our music students, and to help them grow and progress in their music study. Music Matters! ☺

The Romantic & 20th Century Festival is being held on Saturday, May 16th, at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Camas. Adjudicator is Ron Fabbro. Debbie says the registration is due this Friday. If necessary, Sunday is available Debbie says. They need teacher monitors, please.

May Luncheon is Tuesday, May 19th. Location TBA.

Musicianship Exams are being held May 30th, at the Camas United Methodist Church. Questions? Contact Cinda.

Young Performers Recital is also being held May 30th, but in the afternoon at 2:30pm, at the First Congregational Church. Entry deadline is May 17th. Andrea Llafet is the contact.

Don't forget the WSMTA 100th Anniversary Conference! It's June 23-26 this summer, in Bremerton. I'm looking forward to the dinner cruise! We need to send a basket for the State Scholarship raffle. Any ideas? Also, we need to prepare a chapter history presentation board! If you have

anything at all to donate for the raffle, I know that Cinda would much appreciate it. Remember those wonderful hand-knit sweaters that Jim (can't think of his last name) from one of the chapters up North used to donate? I never won one, and did whine a little, though.....:) Plan on attending this year's conference. You'll be glad that you did!

We adjourned.

Today's program was presented by Deborah Cleaver. She addressed the problem of having students who are stuck at the Intermediate Level, for one reason or another. She told us that we have to figure out the problem before we can fix it! Deborah gave us wonderfully useful techniques to help our students be able to play faster, more difficult pieces. I can't wait for my Thursday student who's working on the Moonlight.....to teach her to use her left hand to play that right hand note that's impossible to reach! (Why didn't I think of that?!)

Thank you Lena Nikulin for the great programs that we've enjoyed—and used—this year! ☺

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Kestner, secretary