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## Oregon Music Teachers Association West Portland District OMTA Meeting Minutes Monday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### Zoom Meeting

### CALL TO ORDER

President Marla Hansen called the business meeting of the West Portland District to order at 10:05a.m. There were 16 members present.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 2024 West Portland District Meeting Minutes are approved as written.

### REPORTS

**Treasurer Report:** Debra Sostrin. The account balance is \$27,800.59.

**Membership Report:** Celia Bartel. There was a glitch in the last report. Membership for the West Portland District currently stands at 166. Welcome, new members!

### FESTIVALS COMMITTEE

**Festivals Report:** Marla Hansen. Instructions for each festival can be found on the website: <https://www.oma-portland.org/festival-instructions>

**Competitive Baroque Festival:** 55 students performed January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> at Portland Piano Company. Thank you Momoko Muramatsu and Marla Hansen for chairing.

**Romantic/Contemporary Festival:** 88 students from 24 teachers performed at Portland Piano Company. Thank you to the chair, Marla Hansen.

**Composition Celebration:** Deadline for applications is April 5<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found at [www.oma-portland.org/composition-celebration](http://www.oma-portland.org/composition-celebration). Thank you Joseph Hoffman for chairing.

**Ribbon Festival:** Portland Piano Company April 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to register is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each student receives a ribbon and verbal feedback from an adjudicator in a non-competitive masterclass setting. Memorization optional. Instructions were emailed. Thank you Andrea Olson and Marla Hansen for chairing.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Honoring Members:** OMTA's State Honorary Lifetime Membership Award recognizes individuals who have given extraordinary service to OMTA at both the state and local level for at least 25 years. Congratulations to recipients Kelli Stephens and Paula Watt!

**May Masterclass:** Auditions for the joint East/West Portland May Masterclass are due March 1st. Details were emailed to the district. The masterclass will take place at Portland State University at 10a.m. on Wednesday, May 22nd. Email applications to [eastportland@oregonmta.org](mailto:eastportland@oregonmta.org)

**OMTA State Conference:** The OMTA State Conference will take place July 12th and 13th at the PCC Sylvania Performing Arts Center. Visit the State website for more details.

President Marla Hansen adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

**10:16 a.m. – Program:  
“Performance Practice – Piano Music from the Twentieth and  
Twenty-First Centuries: Exploring Repertoire and Pedagogy”  
Dr. Jill Timmons, NCTM**

Thank you to Dr. Jill Timmons for an informative presentation!

These minutes were prepared by Secretary Jessica Carnevale.

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**Next Meeting will be 10:00a.m. Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
“Incorporating Composing Into Your Studio Teaching”  
Dr. Lisa Neher**

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