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**Oregon Music Teachers Association
West Portland District Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 25, 2023**

Virtual meeting on Zoom

**10:00 a.m. – Program:
“Seven Foundations of Piano Technique”
Dr. Kate Boyd, NCTM**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

President Elizabeth Caswell called the business meeting of the OMTA West Portland District to order at 11:31a.m. There were approximately 25 members present for the presentation, and 12 members present for the meeting. Thank you to Dr. Kate Boyd for the wonderful presentation!

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

September 2022 OMTA West Portland Meeting Minutes are approved as written.

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer Report:** Debra Sostrin. The account balance is \$24,148.

**Membership Report:** Celia Bartel. Membership for the West Portland district currently stands at 158. Welcome to our new members! A reminder that new members can attend our State conference at no cost in their first year. For anyone considering joining OMTA/MTNA for the first time, membership dues are discounted by 50% for those who join between January 1<sup>st</sup> - June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Festivals Report:** Marla Hansen. The West Portland District Competitive Baroque festival is taking place January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Portland Piano Company. There are 56 students from 17 teachers participating. 30% of the students will be invited to perform at the State Baroque Festival Final Event on February 25<sup>th</sup> in Newport.

The Portland Baroque/Contemporary Festival will take place February 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> at Portland Piano Company. 100 students from 29 teachers have registered for this non-competitive event.

West Portland is joining the Statewide Composition Celebration this year - the application for the district entries is posted on the West Portland website. Joseph Hoffman is chairing this event. The deadline for submitting entries is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Portland Romantic Festival will be taking place April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> at Portland Piano Company. Registration will open soon; the deadline for registering will be March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Honoring members that passed:** Longtime OMTA member Susan Foust passed away in May of 2022. She was a beloved member of our community who served as secretary, treasurer, syllabus chair, and more. She helped launch our West Portland website and the Find A Teacher tool. We took a few moments to share personal memories.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**MTNA Conference:** The MTNA Conference is being held March 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> in Reno, Nevada. Register by February 15<sup>th</sup> for the best price.

**OMTA State Conference:** The OMTA State Conference will be held June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Ashland, Oregon. Registration will open soon.

**MTNA Elections:** MTNA members will elect National Officers beginning in February. Information about candidates can be found on the MTNA website. Please vote!

**Masterclass Opportunity:** On May 24<sup>th</sup> East Portland and West Portland districts will have a joint meeting with special guest Peter Mack who will teach a masterclass for intermediate students. The deadline to apply is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please see the email sent on January 23<sup>rd</sup> for details.

President Elizabeth Caswell adjourned the meeting at 11:50a.m.

These minutes were prepared by Secretary Marla Hansen.

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Next Meeting will be 10:00a.m. Tuesday, February 28th, 2023

Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St., Portland, OR 97229
Informal Coffee/Tea Social Hour and Information/Help Desk available event