

Oregon Music Teachers Association
West Portland District Meeting Minutes
March 15th, 2023
Christ United Methodist Church, Portland

CALL TO ORDER

President Elizabeth Caswell called the business meeting of the West Portland District to order at 10:17 a.m. There were approximately 17 members present.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

January 2023 minutes were approved as written.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Debra Sostrin

We have \$24,539.88 in our bank account

All our Festivals that have taken place since the Fall have made a profit.

- Ensemble Festival: \$368.58
- Classical Festival: \$644.23
- Competitive Baroque: \$608.06
- Baroque & Contemporary: \$540.15

We awarded a \$500 Travel Grant to a student from our district who qualified to compete as a finalist at the upcoming MTNA Performance Competition, taking place at the national conference in Reno. The student, Seojeong Huh, studies with West Portland District teacher Hyeyoung Jeong. Seojeong is a finalist in the Junior Performance Woodwind category on clarinet. The monetary award will help the family with their travel expenses to Reno.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next meeting will be April 19th with a presentation by Emily Ross, Music Therapist, on "Autism, Neurodiversity, and Music"

Romantic Festival and Composition Festival registrations are open.

OMTA State conference registration will be open soon.

The May meeting will be May 24th as a joint meeting and masterclass with East Portland at Portland Piano Company. A Masterclass by MTNA President Peter Mack will take place.

Mary Hall Kogen's piano, a Steinway L, is for sale at a reasonable price. (Update: Piano has since been sold.)

Meeting portion adjourned at 10:35 am.

A social coffee hour and Q&A session with breakout groups was held. It was a wonderful time seeing each other and getting to visit!

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth Caswell

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 19th, 2023 at 10 a.m.

“Autism, Neurodiversity, and Music”

Emily Ross, Music Therapist

Hybrid presentation:

Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood St., Portland, OR 97229

And on Facebook Live “OMTA West Portland”