



Oregon Music
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PORTLAND DISTRICT
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Oregon Music Teachers Association West Portland District OMTA Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 27, 2023

In-person and streamed on Facebook Live

CALL TO ORDER

President Marla Hansen called the business meeting of the West Portland District to order at 10:02a.m. There were approximately 20 members present in person for the meeting and presentation, and 5 viewers on Facebook Live.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April and May 2023 West Portland District Meeting Minutes are approved as written.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report: Debra Sostrin. The account balance is \$24,813.

Membership Report: Celia Bartel. Welcome to four new members! Membership for the West Portland District currently stands at 150.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vote to approve Proposed Budget for 2023-24. The proposed 2023-24 budget was emailed to members along with other meeting materials on Sept 24th. Nancy Stone made a motion to approve the West Portland District budget for 2023-24. Seconded by Cindy Peterson-Pearl. 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Motion is approved.

Vote to Raise District Membership Dues 2024-25: Vote on raising active dues to \$30/yr (with other discounted dues falling in line) beginning 2024-25. Nancy Stone made a motion to approve the raise in district dues to \$30/yr beginning in 2024-25. Seconded by Susan Todd. Discussion: this raise is consistent with increases at the State level and East Portland District. 19 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Motion is approved.

Vote on Senior Membership Policy: The current district policies state that to qualify for the 25% Senior Membership discount, members must be age 65 or older, and must have held 5 consecutive years of membership in the West Portland District. Philip Mandel made a motion to remove the requirement to hold 5 consecutive years of membership. Seconded by Liz Caswell. 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Motion is approved.

Vote to Approve Name Change in Bylaws to “West Portland District OMTA”: Liz Caswell made a motion to update the district bylaws to change the name to

“West Portland District OMTA” Seconded by Jessica Carnevale. Discussion: Consistency across entities fulfills legal requirements and has other practical advantages. 20 yea votes, 0 nay votes. Motion is approved.

Honoring members that passed: This summer we lost West Portland member Harold Gray, former chair of PSU’s music department, and founder of Portland Piano International. Celebration of Life Ceremony TBA. Donations to PPI in Harold Gray’s memory would be deeply appreciated: <https://www.portlandpiano.org/contribute>

Festivals Openings: Festivals Committee Chair and co-chairs are open. If interested, or if a smaller commitment of a day or two can be made, please contact Marla Hansen.

Ensemble Festival: October 28th, 2023 at Portland Piano Company. Registration has closed. Thank you to the chair, Fen-Fang Tsao!

Baroque/Classical Festival: November 11th-12th, and 18th-19th at Portland Piano Company. Registration deadline is Friday, October 6th. Thank you to Marla Hansen and Andrea Olson for co-chairing the event! Please visit the West Portland website to find festival guidelines.

President Marla Hansen adjourned the business portion of the meeting at 10:30a.m. Members enjoyed a short intermission before the program below. Thank you to Cindy Peterson-Peart for our refreshments this morning!

**10:46 a.m. – Program:
“Syllabus Level 5 Live Demonstration & Discussion”
OMTA President Liz Willis, NCTM
Aiden Wang, student; Leslie Chen, teacher**

Thank you to Liz Willis for an inspiring and informative presentation!

These minutes were prepared by Secretary Jessica Carnevale.

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**Next Meeting will be 10:00a.m. Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
“Practice Smarter, Not Longer”  
Dr. Lark Powers, NCTM**

**Christ United Methodist Church**  
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