

BRMTA General Meeting Minutes

**Sat, Sept. 16th, 2023, 10:00-12:30 First United Methodist Church,
Baton Rouge**

Attendance: (40 people).

Officers: President: Angie Bergeron, VP: Clara Guilbeau, Secretary: Ching Song Juneau, Treasure: Raymond Yee, Immediate Past President: Yanna Gustafson, Board Members-at- Large: Christine Lien, Megan Shannon

Members and Guests: Everett Broussard, Eden Ester Brown, Melanie Anderson, Maria Nikel, Camila Cuadra, Emma Floyd, Katherine Tobey , Pam Younge, Dona Iusted Rebecca Bellolo, Lixi Qin, David Easley, Ning Gao
Winners of the state rally and their families.

10:00: Welcome and Coffee social time By President Angie Bergeron

10:30: LMTA Rally Winners Recital-Torgrimson/Swanzy Piano Competition. Winners were Aliyah Zhang Prep B from Ning Gao Studio. Randy Jiang Level I from Ching Song Juneau Studio. Isabella Pan, Level B, XingChen Wu Level II and Helen Wang Level IV from Christine Lien Studio.

10:50 BRMTA Summer Scholarship Report by David Easley:

Gavin Kochen student of Clara Guilbeau and William David Student of Rebecca Bellolo received the summer music camp scholarship this year. Both told us how much they had learned and the wonderful time they had from the summer Camp. They gave thanks to their teachers and our BRMTA for giving them the opportunity.

11:00 General Business Meeting

- Introduction of Officers by our President Angie Bergeron. Welcome to our new members and the invitation for lunch after the meeting. Welcome to new members Chair: Megan Shannon.
- Treasure Report by Raymond from 2022-2023. Besides profit and loss he pointed out that Allen Fleming Funds will run out of cash after 2024. We will need to decide what we will do after 2024. Any members who have questions about the treasure report can ask Raymond.

- Yearbook/ Website: Clara Guilbeau 2023-2024 year book after three years of only using the website. It includes all BRMTA and some LMTA events. The website is BRMTALA.org. Members can choose their name and info to be posted online or not.
- Many Membership Benefits from this organization were summarized by Angie Bergeron. Membership is \$143. (\$18 for local. \$26 for state and \$99 goes to National.). Information for both teachers and parents can be found on our website.
- Programs for Teachers includes: National convention. LMTA Convention. Lafayette 10/5/2023. David Easley introduced a program of our state convention and some of the fun sessions and how special Lafayette city is. David also shared the keyboard Olympic event that has reached to the other state. The cash award of this event of higher level will be discussed soon. Certification Chair Katherine Tobey shared different levels of certifications and how important it is to be certified at state and national level. LFMC member fees and the dates.

Two Chamber ensembles of LMTA were introduced by Chairman Megan Shanon. Dates are 2/17/2024 and 6/15/2024 here in Baton Rouge.

Details of our upcoming event and our local meetings can be found in our year book and BRMTALA.org website. Those are: Keyboard Olympics: Dr. Pam Pike, David Easley. Halloween Festival : Rebecca Bellolo pointed out that it is a friendly non competitive fun event. Angie Bergeron pointed out that the money raised in this event proceed to SOS charitable organization of LMTA. Baroque and Classical Competition: Ching Song Juneau. Romantic and Contemporary Competition: Clara Guilbeau. Baton Rouge district Rally: Yanna Gustafson pointed out that we need all teachers to help for this event particular the theory test day that Clara reminded that only certified teacher can grade the test. Yanna suggested that if we needed to judge out of town we may choose to do it on the second week of Rally. Allen Fleming: Christine Lien. Angie Bergeron reminded us the Ethel Tison Award will go to the student who gives the most musical performance. Summer Scholarship deadline 5/5.2024: David Easley. State Rally Torgrimson/Swanzy. Angie gave Thanks Raph the owner of O'neill's Music house for supporting the organization and O'neill's Music House has a Tuner or piano Mover if we need.

Other Business:

- Fee increases:
- Allen Fleming-\$30
- Rally-\$40

- Today Meeting at FUMC and Recital-\$90 paid to FUMC for use of the Conference Room
- Halloween Festival - BRMTA Sponsored, \$100 contribution for operating expenses, BRMTA to give ticket sales to SOS Fund (we voted and passed the motion after the meeting)
- Updating By-Laws
- Baroque and Classical Competition-Voted as BRMTA competition, previously LSU event
- “Tournament” replaced with “Competitions”
- Piano Competition Chairpersons shall receive stipend of \$75, plus \$.50 per student and Chairperson may accept or decline this stipend.

Other items in Discussion:

- Allen Fleming Funding
- Ethan Tison Medal
- Other Non-competitive Events
- Instagram page for Student Feature
- Potential Rate increase for LSU rental next year
- Increase Membership

David Easley’s wrist band “ Winners never give up and Quitters never Win...”

Dismiss

Lunch at Capital City Grill- New Member are Guest, otherwise Dutch treat

Note: In competition events, participating teachers should communicate in advance with the chairman if the teacher can not work, even if the teacher is judging elsewhere, paying a \$75 fee or sending a substitute.

BRMTA is a Non-profit organization and is for the service of its members. Members are expected to serve the organization in return.

Minutes By Ching Song Juneau 9/22/2023.