

BRMTA Spring Meeting Minutes

Date: January 17, 2025 Location: O'Neill's Music House

Attendance:

12 Members: Katherine Tobey, Judy McGehee, Shelly Hays, David Easley, Maria Nickel, Eden Brown, Christopher Cunningham

Officers Present:

- President: Angie Bergeron
- Vice President: Clara Guilbeau
- Secretary: Ching Song Juneau
- Board Members-at-Large: Christine Lien, Megan Shannon

Agenda:

9:30 AM- Coffee

10:00 AM- Guest Presentation by Kevin Olson

- Topic: Tips for connecting with modern-day students
- Highlights:
- Mentioned summer camp availability.
- Music can be found in the Federation Bulletin 2024-2025 - Special offer: 25% discount for January.
- Comment: David Easley noted that music prices have risen and availability is more challenging.

11:30 AM- Memorial and Announcements

- Katherine Tobey delivered a heartfelt eulogy for John Dupaquier, who passed away on November 6, 2024.
- Katherine also announced the 2025-2027 BRMTA Executive Committee Officers, as submitted by the nominating committee:
- President: Ching Song Juneau
- Vice President and Webmaster: Clara Guilbeau
- Secretary: Eden Ester Brown
- Treasurer: Angela Bergeron
- Member-at-Large: Shelly Hays
- Member-at-Large: Judy McGehee
- Immediate Past President: Angela Bergeron
- Motion: Approved (MSP).

Discussion:

1. Spring Lunch Date:

- Angie Bergeron suggested moving the spring lunch to an earlier date, such as May 2, 2025, due to early Rally scheduling this year.

- Members were reminded to frequently check emails and online updates for event confirmations, as LSU has not finalized event dates yet.

2. Event Reports and Updates:-Baroque and Classical Event (12/7/2024):

- Reported by Clara Guilbeau. The event was a great success and welcomed participants from other cities without similar events.

- Romantic and Contemporary Piano Competition (Spring 2025):

- New date: March 8, 2025 (originally March 22).

- Registration deadline: February 12, 2025 (confirmed via email post-meeting).

- LMTA Chamber Competition:

- Deadline: January 18, 2025. Event: February 8, 2025, at O'Neill's Music House.

- LMTA Piano Ensemble Festival:

- To be held during the state conference in New Orleans on the final Saturday of the event.

Repertoire details will follow.

- State Rally 2025:

- Date: April 5, 2025, at LSU School of Music.

- Includes all parts: theory, scales, sight-reading, and performance. Theory begins at 7:30 AM and ends at 9:00 AM.

- Allen Fleming Event: - Date: April 6, 2025, at O'Neill's Music House.

12:00 PM- Adjournment- Meeting adjourned by President Angie Bergeron.