

BRMTA Zoom Meeting
Saturday, September 12, 2020
Minutes

Attendance:

Rebecca Bellelo
Grace Lau
Katherine Tobey
Judy McGeehee
Pam Pike
Maria Veiria
Sarah Leonard
Laura Pray
Megan Shannon
David Easley
Yannah Gustafson
Grace Ning
Angie Bergeron
Robin Yee
Clara Guilbeau
Ching Song

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting called to order to President Rebecca Bellelo.

Rebecca re-introduced the executive board. This is the second year of their term:

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| Vice President | Clara Guilbeau |
| Secretary | Judy Zahrndt |
| Treasurer | Raymond Yee |
| Immediate Past President | Laura Pray |
| Board Members-at-Large | Yannah Gustafson and Katherine Tobey |

Treasurer Report: Raymond Yee reported no changes have been made to account since last year because we have not had any events. BRMTA is in good financial shape.

Membership Report: Judy McGehee welcomed new members. BRMTA is active at 52 members. Susan Stringer (BRMTA member) passed away, and she will notify the necrology chairperson.

Programs for Teachers

LMTA Conference is canceled this year due to COVID-19. In place of this, LMTA has put together four zoom seminars, **LMTA "Happy Hours."** These will serve as BRMTA's fall program of events.

First one already took place in early August, with several BRMTA members presenting.

Next 3 events are 9/27 at 3:00, 10/11 at 3:00, and 11/5 at 7:30

Certification: Katherine Tobey discussed merits of certification and encouraged teachers to certify.

LFMC: Ching Song announced that Federation is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 27th at O'Neills. Reminder that dues are due by 10/1.

Programs for Students

The BRMTA executive board discussed and voted at summer board meeting to cancel the 2 BRMTA events that take place in December: Baroque and Classical Contest and Concerto and Ensemble Contest. This is due in part to COVID-19 concerns, but also in part to not having a secure location for the events.

The board will also meet again the end of this year to discuss if our spring events will be possible, including: Tournament, Rally, and Allen-Fleming Auditions. Ching Song was given the task of coordinating the Baroque/Classical contest as an online event. Details are still being worked out.

Upper Elementary State Competition: Robin Yee reminded this is an online event this year. Videos must be received by Oct. 17th and mail the other parts, such as check and entry forms, to Robin. Details can be found on the LMTA website.

Summer Enrichment Scholarship: David Easley is thinking "outside the box" to encourage how students might apply for and use the scholarship next year, such as for online workshops or festivals. Deadline dates will be announced at a later time.

Piano Olympics: Pam Pike reminded everyone of the testing dates and some of the procedures of this newer LMTA online event and encouraged to check the LMTA website for many examples. For Level 2 and above, the repertoire will be evaluated via pre-recorded videos, sent as an unlisted YouTube link to Pam.

Other Business

LMTA's website was updated by Lafayette teacher Hannah Mayo. The site is now very organized and easy to find things and very up-to-date.

BRMTA decided not to print yearbooks this year and utilize the website to post dates or announcements, due to so many constant changes. Vice-president Clara Guilbeau will check and update the teacher directory list with the MTNA membership list.

Meeting adjourned by President Rebecca Bellelo.