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*OMTA Chapter Meeting Minutes – Oct. 10, 2017 – Diaz / Anderson Music Studios*

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The meeting was called to order at 9:33 by President Ignacio Diaz with 15 people in attendance.

Those in attendance: Ramona Allen, Brooke Beecher, Ignacio Diaz, Sue Dick, Jean Johansen-Kuehn, Maureen Johnson, Pat Kilmer, Lynn Lewis, Rhonda Morse, Joseph Murrow, Heidi Ritchey, Mariann Ryan, Mary Jo Wright, and Amy Yang.

Emily Skeers, voice teacher and new member who teaches at Diaz/Anderson Music Studios, introduced herself.

The secretary's report was approved after two changes by Mary Jo Wright, seconded by Maureen Johnson.

Ignacio shared that he learned that Washington's MTA membership was second only to Texas, and that there is a new association being built in China, modeled after MTNA.

Joe Murrow's Treasurer's Report: \$5240.15 in checking, \$449.20 in Savings, and \$8902.36 in American Funds. Joe reminded members that they would receive a \$10 refund from their registration fee if they attend the District IV Conference this Saturday at Centralia Church of the Nazarene. Pat Kilmer approved the treasurer's report, seconded by Mary Jo Wright.

The OMTA Autumn Recital will be held at Sunbreak Baptist Church at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, and 2:00 on Saturday, November 4, 2017. There is a \$5 fee per student, free to OMTA member teachers. Deadline to sign up students for the event is October 29.

Lynn Lewis is accepting entries for the OMTA Concerto Competition, to be held November 11 at the Washington Center for Performing Arts. Entries and fees are due today.

The OMTA / WSMTA Honors Recital Competition will not be held at the United Churches as they are no longer renting their facility on Sundays. It will be held at St. Martin's University in the larger music room with Jay and Sandra Machley as judges. Groups of performing students will be smaller as the space is smaller – times to be announced, the date is Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Reminder: Adjudications has been renamed Music Artistry Program (MAP). Adjudicators are now called visiting artists. OMTA members are asked to please make a copy of the new 2018 MAP Information Booklet, found online at [www.wsmta.org](http://www.wsmta.org), and bring it to the November meeting. OMTA / WSMTA MAP will be held March 12-16, and the OMTA Honors Recital will be held Sunday, March 18, 2018.

Ignacio asked for three members to volunteer to be on the nominating committee. Those three members are Maureen Johnson, Rhonda Morse, and Ignacio Diaz.

The OMTA Play-a-thon will be held on Saturday, December 16. Ignacio asked for a volunteer to coordinate the event. Sue Dick volunteered.

OMTA will have a luncheon on Tuesday, December 12 at Panorama. There will be an auction as members seemed to like it. We hope to have centerpieces made by Cherie Felts.

OMTA has the opportunity to purchase John van der Brook's 7' long piano for \$15,000. The board is looking into places that we could house it, as well as discussing other issues that could arise. It was mentioned that OMTA previously looked into purchasing a piano but decided against it. A suggestion was made to call Robin Watson to get

more information on why it was not purchased about 20 years ago when this was a possibility and funds were raised for such a piano.

Musicianship Examinations are now called Music Literacy Program.

Mary Jo Wright announced that she will drive to the District IV Conference on Saturday if anyone wants to carpool with her and Cherie Felts.

A suggestion was made that members post public performances online. This can be done by looking for Event, Forms – Save/Print.

Jean Johansen Kuehn (1:30) and Ryan Sowers (12:00) will be playing at the Bigelow House on December 3.

Sweet Adelines will be singing November 4 at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m . at the Oly Senior Center. Go to "[brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com)" for tickets, \$15.

Ramona Allen will be playing in three separate performances:

Sat. October 28, 7pm @ Chehalis SDA Church. This features the Trout Quintet, plus a couple pieces on harpsichord. Past Centralia College president is donating his harpsichord to the church music series. Ramona is playing a Rameau and Bach piece. Quintet members are all principals with the Olympia Symphony:

Aaron Inglin, violin  
Kate Inglin, viola  
Holly Reeves, cello  
Brian Loeb, bass  
Ramona Allen, piano

Monday, January 29, 2018, 6:15 @ the Governor's Mansion Chamber Series

This will be the Schubert Piano Quintet like above, but not the Bach and Rameau. Instead, Jenny Edwards and Ramona will perform Saint-Saens "Danse Macabre" for Two Pianos

Monday, Feb. 5, 2018, time TBA @ Panorama - Schubert Trout Quintet

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 with Mary Jo Wright moving and Rhonda Morse seconding.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Dick, recording secretary