
OMTA Board Meeting Minutes – November 21, 2017 – Ignacio’s Studio

Present: President Ignacio Diaz, Treasurer: Joe Murrow, Vice-President Jan Rowen Music, Recording Secretary: Sue Dick, Communications Coordinator: Jean Johansen-Kuehn

The meeting was **called to order** by President Ignacio Diaz at 9:33.

The **secretary’s minutes** were approved as read. Joe moved, Jan seconded.

Treasurer’s report: \$5027.23 in Checking, \$449.21 in Savings, \$8888.21 in American Funds. Sue moved approval, Ignacio seconded.

Jan will send out an e-blast announcing that the December luncheon and silent auction will begin at 10:30 and will be a soup and sandwich buffet.

The play-a-thon is doing well with several teachers signed up.

President Krista Seely will visit in January 2017. The board will provide snacks.

Sue and Jan still need an official e-mail on their computers.

Jean called Robin Watson regarding questions about a chapter owning a piano. Robin told Jean that Puyallup owns a piano, so Jean called Susan Hearth, past president of the Puyallup Chapter. They have owned a piano for 25 years, and it has been housed in 3 different churches. Currently it is in a Presbyterian church that uses it on a weekly basis. There is a good relationship with the church secretary – CRUCIAL! One member is liaison and books teachers into the church to use the piano. They pay nothing to the church when a member wants to use the piano, and the chapter maintains it. The chapter does, however, pay \$25 to the church to cover heating and a janitor whenever the chapter uses the church, as well as providing a humidity bar and cover. Adjudications are held there. A smaller church is best so that it is available more often. Also crucial, the church doesn’t bump the chapter out if it is scheduled to have an event using the piano. There have been troubles in the past with a pastor. Jean was unsure of insurance costs.

Ignacio was willing to see if an OMTA piano could be housed in the Washington Center for Performing Arts.

Jennifer Bowman is unable to coordinate Master Lessons in the future, but will continue to organize for the concerto competition and the graduating seniors’ recital.

Jennifer also requested that the board consider collecting money from individual teachers to have recitals one day at the Washington Center for Performing Arts, and then renting the Washington Center for that day. Teachers, then, would be reimbursing the chapter to have their yearly recital at the Center.

Joe mentioned that donations by credit /debit card should be a consideration whenever the “Donations” box is set out, as many people do not carry cash or a check book.

There will be no board meeting in December.

Possible topics for open forum meetings include:

-Resource Center addressing how to build a small business – Joe's dad would be free, he has a published book that the board could purchase and give to all attending members that helps with how to run a small business.

-Web / Business tips

-How to keep organization alive

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Dick