

OhioMTA - SE District
Fall Conference Meeting

September 16th, 2011 – 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – Glidden Hall Green Room

Attendants: Chris Fisher, Marsha Reilly, Carole Cordray-Syracuse, Youmee Kim, Trisha Lachman,
Wendy Blackwood

Guest: Fernanda Nieto, conference clinician

Call to Order (Chris Fisher)

- Members were welcomed.
- Special thanks were given to Fall Conference clinician, Fernanda Nieto.

Secretary's Report (Wendy Blackwood)

- The previous meeting's minutes were presented.
- Carole moved to accept the minutes as read. Trisha seconded.

Treasurer's Report (Marsha Reilly)

- The previous balance was \$809.21.
- The current balance on 9/16/11 after dues and before conference reimbursements was \$826.25.
- The district is now listed under the state's non-profit status.
- Carole moved to approve the report. Trisha seconded.

Committee and Event Reports

- Certification (Richard Syracuse)
No report
- Membership (Katie Fisher)
No report
There was discussion on participation by all members and what might be causing participation numbers to be decreased. Chris will generate an e-mail asking the membership these questions, and it was mentioned that Katie could divide the names of the active membership among those at the meeting to contact individually to gain more insight.
- Student Recitals (Linda Toomey and Norma Dennis)
The date has been set for February 19, 2012 at 2:30 (with an additional 3:30 time as needed).
- Music Fair (Wendy Blackwood)
This item was moved into the Old Business category for in depth discussion.
- Pentathlon (Trisha Lachman and Katie Fisher)
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- Buckeye Auditions (Chris Fisher)
Chris reported that his students Aiden Crowl and Sarah Welch both performed well at the state competition in June but did not place at the state level.
Rules for this year's competition are online. The application deadline is March 1, 2012.

- AOPE (Norma Dennis)
No report
- Spring Conference (Youmee Kim)
This is scheduled for April 20, 2012. To conserve funds it was decided that the Conference would consist of (1) Repertoire Sharing and (2) use of the Performavision technology. Youmee will determine the format of the Repertoire Sharing and send to all to encourage preparation.

Old Business

- Music Fair
Wendy first presented that due to decline in numbers and without teacher support it would be difficult to sustain Music Fair as it was. Much progress had been made in possibly combining it with Pentathlon, but it would require all members to participate the day of the events. Marsha contributed that she feels that we do need to provide events for our students, especially the younger students who are not yet able to perform on the Pentathlon level. She also mentioned that area students seem to be in a testing overload and wonders if another event for them to be tested might be asking too much. Trisha wanted to see something that is geared down to be purely motivational/fun for the students, and she offered that the Athens Front and Center event held at Arts West might meet this need. Fernanda mentioned that possibly a Music Games event could be hosted in a single large room as a fun alternative for younger students. Chris suggested that Music Fair might take a break this year so that we could re-evaluate its part in the district events. The members were encouraged to think of what might be fresh or different, to gather parent recommendations, and to watch for ideas being used in other districts. Then it can be discussed at the Planning Meeting in spring 2012.

Marsha moved to have only Pentathlon this year and to use this year to evaluate teacher involvement and student enrichment. Carole seconded. All were in favor. None opposed.

- Pentathlon
Pentathlon was discussed and was determined to be sustainable. It will be held on April 28, 2012. Chris will e-mail Andrew Trachsel to reserve 5th floor classrooms and teachers' studios for the event.

New Business

- MTNA Competitions
MTNA is eliminating non-piano competitions.
- Ohio University is hosting three pianists this school year:
Peter Takacs (chamber) – November 6, 2011
Dorian Lejak – February 4, 2012
Marina Lomazov – April 18, 2012
- AGO is hosting a Family Mardi Gras Organ Event on February 18, 2012 from 1-3 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Athens, OH.

Announcements

- The Fall State Conference 2012 is scheduled for November 8-10, 2012 at the Columbus Marriott. The Southeast District is responsible for this event. The conference will highlight Health and Wellness in music. Details are available online.
- 2013 Ohio MTA/MTNA Fellow Nominations are due by September 30th.

- A “Clavier Companion” group subscription rate of \$18 is being collected by Chris Fisher.
- 2011 State Conference: October 9-11, 2011 at BGSU.
Those attending will take a door prize from the SE district.
- MTNA 2012 – NYC at the Hilton New York, March 24-28, 2012.
- MTNA/CFMTA Wellness Symposium on June 27-29, 2012 in NYC.
- MTNA 2013 – Anaheim, CA at the Disneyland Hotel
- MTNA 2014 – Chicago, IL at the Downtown Marriott

Adjourn

Marsha moved. Trisha seconded.

Submitted by:
Wendy Blackwood