

**Main Line Music Teachers Association
October 8, 2019 Meeting
Jacob's Music
MINUTES**

President Miriam Shingle opened the meeting at 9:40 am, with 20 members and one new member in attendance. The minutes from the September 10, 2019, meeting were distributed and approved.

Vice President Jennifer Campbell passed around a sign-up sheet for the Main Line Muse blog in the hopes of filling in two yet-vacant months. We were encouraged again to comment on any blogs to date, as participation is key to further colleague conversation.

Carol Angus reported that there was one Prime Time Players attendee on September 24, and she announced that the next one on October 22 will be dedicated to perusing holiday pieces in advance of the coming holidays.

The members were reminded that "Member Resources" under the Members Only tab of the website is replete with information and convenient items for the members, including the now-available fresh MLMTA logos created by webmaster Felicia Lohidajat. In addition, members were informed of the "Meetings" section which lists past and current meeting agendas and minutes.

Program Chair Jonathan Flowers announced the now-open "Call For Presentation Proposals" page on the website, which allows both members and non-members to submit future talks and Five Minutes For a New Idea. Jonathan also mentioned his newly-created Google registration forms that will now be used for Student Recitals and Super Saturday sign-ups.

Dorothy Sutton Chair Donna Beech gave a report on the status of the imminent the Dorothy Sutton Festival, and reminded members of the deadline to register for the state Showcase Recital.

Members were reminded to use the handbook guidelines to submit students to Patricia Powell for our November 19 Master Class at WCU. The parking situation will be addressed in a future email from the President.

A new idea from the state level is the PMTA Teachers Forum Meeting that will take place on Wednesday, October 23 at 10:00 am. This is an online interactive meeting using the Zoom platform, similar to Skype. Live discussions will include several topics pertinent to music teaching, and even repertoire ideas. Topics can be submitted by any member if they wish, and any member may attend the meeting. Members interested in joining the discussion must alert Miriam, who will pass along email addresses to the PMTA Independent Music Teacher Forum Chair Susan Kuntz. Members will then receive an invite through email.

For her Five Minutes for a New Idea presentation, Elaine Friedlander demonstrated various warm-ups on the piano, as well as a pocket device used to keep one's hands warm, especially in cold weather.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 am, and was followed by an inspiring presentation by Marvin Blickenstaff, "Curriculum Innovations for the New Year."

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Shingle (for Jean Kuntz, Secretary)