

Foothills Music Teachers Association
General Membership Meeting Minutes, September 16, 2015
Bear Valley Church, 10001 West Jewell Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80228

Meeting was called to order by President Elaine Van Dellen, NCTM at 9:31. 18 members present. Secretary Pro Tem Dr. Stephanie Berg Oram, NCTM. The minutes of the August 19 meeting were approved as emailed. Treasurer's report from Elinore Quander, NCTM, was filed as stated.

2nd VP (Membership) Robin Braun announced there are 7 new members. She introduced Laura Lizut (piano). Later another new member, Sue Parker (piano, flute, trumpet), was introduced.

The President read greetings from CSMTA President Joan Sawyer, NCTM, on her visit to FMTA last month; and from MTNA President, Dr. Rebecca Grooms Johnson, NCTM, on FMTA's 40th Anniversary. Elaine also thanked the 40th Anniversary Committee for their efforts toward the celebratory dinner of September 12, 2015.

Achievement Day – A co-chair is needed; please contact Chair Carrie Christensen to volunteer.

Fall Festival – Laura Rogers noted there will be one recital, 4pm Saturday, October 17, at Our Savior's Corner of Hope.

Professional Reading Program - Arlyce Black noted the next meeting is at her studio, 9:30am November 12. The discussion will be on *The Practice of Practice*; it's long, so get started – but come even if you haven't read the book.

Certification – Kathryn Lewis, NCTM, handed out copies of "My Fulfilling Journey to NCTM" by June Ewell, NCTM, newly certified, encouraging members to undergo the certification process. She noted that FMTA has budget funds to reimburse members \$100 upon achieving certification.

MOTION from the Bylaws Special Committee: that FMTA adopt the revised By-Laws as discussed at the August meeting. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Barnes & Noble – Times are still available; contact Kathy Hammer.

MTNA Competition (for Colorado) will by October 24 at Lamont. Volunteers are needed. (The deadline is today; forms are online.) There are CSMTA Scholarship funds for part of winners' costs.

"Penny for Your Thoughts" discussion – How can FMTA advertise/promote/connect with our community in order to recruit new students?

- Word of mouth/personal connection (somebody knows somebody)
- Send personal letter for posting on bulletin board – schools, churches
- "Elevator speech" to community groups – Rotary, Chamber of Commerce, etc.
- NextDoor.com; share on Facebook; YouTube (needs permissions from all involved)
- Farmer's market booth
- Connect with school music teachers – some responses come years later; there is much turnover, so a list is needed each year; Kathy Hammer will send the list to schools south of 44th – tell her if you need it sent to schools north

Next month's topic: "Time Management"

The meeting adjourned at 10:10am.

Dr. Stephanie Berg Oram, NCTM
Secretary Pro Tem

PROGRAM: Dr. Grace Asquith, NCTM, "Chamber Music in Your Studio"