

Foothills Music Teachers Association
General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President, Elaine Van Dellen NCTM. The September minutes were approved as corrected. Elaine informed the group that members with new business should submit it to the President a week prior to meetings for inclusion in the agenda.

Membership - Robin Braun announced two new FMTA members, Lori Brown and Pearl Rutherford, who transferred here from Arizona.

Treasurer Elinore Quander, NCTM, reported balances of \$9830.81 in Scholarship, \$5820.30 in CD, and \$3089.47 in checking as of 9/16/15.

As CSMTA representative, Elaine Van Dellen announced that proposals for workshops at this year's State Conference in Pueblo are due on November 1st. Elinore Quander will be this year's Chair of the Foundation Fund. Information concerning MNTA business ethics compliance will be posted on the FMTA website.

Fall Festival – Laura Rogers reported that 42 students participated, including 6 adults. She suggested that next year we have an adult recital to be held on the same day as the student recital, and possibly considering a venue with a stage for next year.

Penny for your Thoughts Discussion – Our topic this month was time management tips. Thoughts shared included:

- Accomplish one item from weekly to-do list daily
- Do it now!
- Combine errands
- To-dos stay on sticky notes on bathroom mirror until completed
- Get up early
- Listen to sonatas while doing household chores

Next month's topic will be "How to energize, especially during the holidays."

Linda Pott and Carrie Christensen discussed their experience entering students in the CSMTA conference Master Class. Both thought that their students had a positive experience and that preparing was a huge motivation for their students. Advice offered was to pick students who can be flexible in front of an audience, since it is hard to predict what they will be asked to do or what questions they will be asked. Also, prepare students for questions about key changes, music history, etc., as much as possible. Know in advance on what type of piano students will be performing. Carrie thought that dynamics on the 9 foot grand were difficult for her student.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Submitted by
Carol Williams, Secretary