

Foothills Music Teachers Association
General Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by President Elaine Van Dellen NCTM. Twenty members and guests were in attendance. The minutes were approved as posted on our website.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Elinore Quander NCTM reported the following balances: Checking, \$2143.58; CD, \$5820.30; Scholarship, \$13,332.68. A check for \$320 will be sent to Ribbon Ranch for an unpaid bill from Achievement Day 2015.

CSMTA has nominated Sheila Hamaker as the MTNA Fellow for 2017. When checks are sent to the MTNA Foundation, be sure to put "Foundation Fellow, Sheila Hamaker" on the memo line. Funds to support the MTNA Fellow are no longer being raised through the CSMTA Silent Auction at the annual conference. Donations to the MTNA Fellow Program support awards and travel expenses for MTNA competition winners and for Teacher Awards.

Jill Hanrahan, NCTM, of Pikes Peak MTA, is a candidate for the position of Director-Elect of the West Central Division of MTNA. The deadline for voting is March 2.

Scholarship – Elaine Van Dellen reported for LaVon Cooper, who was unable to attend. The deadline for scholarship applications is April 20th, the same date as our April meeting.

Sonatina Festival – One hundred and thirty-six students are participating, including 4 adults.

Penny for Your Thoughts – Our discussion question was "Why do you attend State or National Conferences?" Below are some of the thoughts shared at our meeting:

Conference is an emersion experience similar to college.
Learning something new at every workshop.
National conference offers cutting edge pedagogy advice.
Conference reawakens passion.
Being stranded with Robert Vandal in the Albuquerque airport.
Falling in love with a Kabalevsky piece that inspired me to practice.
It's tax deductible.
Attending the showcases and workshops.
Hearing the concert artists.
Autographed music to show to students.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Carol Williams, Secretary