

PMTA Local Association Forum minutes

June 14, 2019

Dee Ann Symington reminded attendees that PMTA will reimburse half of the conference registration fee for one representative from each local association to attend the forum.

She reminded representatives about the Local Association Grants.

November 23, 2019 is the DSPF State Showcase.

Ed Kuhn will be the new president as of July 1, 2019.

Dee called for reports from Local Associations.

Felicia Lohidajat, webmaster from MLMTA, reported from MLMTA. They had monthly meetings. The Dorothy Sutton Festival had about 125 participants. They had 2 students recitals, fall and spring, teachers can submit up to 4 students. They record the recital in the spring. Parents sign permission at the event. PrimeTime Players is held 5x a year. The teachers gather at someone's studio and play. They had some holiday themed ones. They held a master class in November. They held a holiday luncheon vs. dinner party. They had a Super Saturday which includes theory exams, mini-master classes, and a play-a-thon. They held the Constance Murray festival, which runs similar to Dorothy Sutton without the theory test, local only, about 300 students participated. They held a teachers' recital at the end of the year with a potluck. They updated their bylaws. They updated roles in the local organization board. They created a new website in June 2018: mlmta.org. They implemented the registration system that PMTA adopted, Tenuto Web, for event registrations.

Millie Eben, president of Reading MTA, represented Reading. Millie reports there is no one to take over as president when she finishes her term in June 2020. They had two meetings and had Marvin Blickenstaff come in to do a presentation.

Henry Wong Doe represented Indiana MTA. They participated in Dorothy Sutton but could not do the monster concert this year due to piano moving logistics issues. They did a pedagogy day to connect IUP faculty and piano majors with local students.

Ed Kuhn represented Westmoreland Chapter. They participated in the DSPF. They have a Sonatina competition every October with between 80-100 students participating by playing one movement. They have a holiday luncheon and day at the Westmoreland Symphony. Music Achievement Award for Graduating Seniors recital in May. Students receive a \$100 acknowledgement. Informal recital in April with composition contest winners playing. They have a spring luncheon and planning meeting in June.

Raelene Bluhm is representing Pittsburgh Chapter. Members perform at meetings (featured performer of the month). They hosted a pizza party at the Duquesne collegiate chapter. One member did a presentation at Duquesne for one of the monthly meetings. They participated in DSPF. They have four honors recitals each year, one includes DS winners. They combine with PPTA and do joint programs with them twice a year (once in fall, once in spring.) They held the Streater Smith annual competition with a harpist in first place. The PSO did a fundraiser for a new grand piano for Heinz Hall and the chapter helped participate to buy a key.

Susan Kuntz represented Lehigh Valley MTA. They have a membership with the local opera company. They can take students to see the opera. They also took 40 to see the Philadelphia orchestra this year. They have three scholarships to give and gave out one. They gave scholarships to summer music camps. They have a play-a-thon at a local mall to fund their programming.

Peggy Myers represented Central MTA. They hold a composer of the year recital (members perform.) They have 3 student recitals a year at Penn State University. They do the DSPF and Phyllis Triolo competition.

Most local associations reported an ongoing struggle with filling leadership positions.