

**PMTA General Membership Annual Meeting/Luncheon
Kutztown University
June 15, 2024**

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM.

President Wendy Bachman opened the meeting by thanking the catering staff for the delicious luncheon.

A motion to approve the Minutes from June 3, 2023, was made by Millie Eben and seconded by Ed Kuhn.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wendy Bachman began by thanking Kutztown University, and faculty members Maria Asteriadou and Kurt Nikkanen, and Conference Chair Melody Quah, for their excellent organizing, hosting and use of the facilities.

Olivia Ellis circulated raffle tickets in support of the Foundation Fund. Kathy Moser won the drawing at the end of the meeting.

Wendy encouraged our members to attend the PMTA conference annually, thanking also our longtime members.

Five members passed away this year: Main Line chapter - Sharon Parker, Vincent Craig, Susan Lou; Central PA chapter – Patricia Lloyd; Capital Area chapter – Dana Eisentein.

In encouraging the recruitment of younger members to PMTA, Wendy announced the coming proposal of a mentorship program, originally suggested last year by clinician Leah Claiborne of WMTA, and tailored by Membership chair Miriam Shingle with her committee of several current board members.

Additionally along the line of young recruitment, Wendy announced the startup of MTNA's Young Professionals Advisory Council, of which our own Ian Duh serves as representative for the Eastern Division of MTNA.

Wendy thanked Henry Wong Doe, Jonathan Flowers and Elizabeth Etnoyer for a successful Dorothy Sutton Festival held at IUP last November. This year's festival will take place at Lebanon Valley College, November 9-10, 2024.

Wendy encouraged attendance at the March 2025 MTNA National Conference in Minneapolis, MN. This year it was held in Atlanta, GA, where MTNA's retiring CEO of 33 years, Gary Ingle, was presented a special service award. Brian Shepherd will be stepping into the role as CEO.

There are 12 first-time PMTA state conference attendees present today. Any of those who are also first-time members should see Miriam about a possible state dues rebate.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mary Lynne Bennett announced our bank account balance of \$29,822.62 as of June 10, 2024, and our investment account balance of \$280,637.42, for a grand total of \$310,460.04.

The report was concluded by announcing the annual receipt of approximately \$10,000 (+/-) from the Susan B. Miller trust fund. This helps fund several PMTA initiatives, including the Dorothy Sutton Showcase Festival and the Ebony Prize.

SPECIAL AWARDS

Immediate Past President, Amanda Gunderson, delivered the annual special awards.

Teacher of the Year – Alex Ramirez of Willow Grove chapter, presented by chapter member Carol Bonnet. Alex testified on his extreme gratitude for and benefit of his PMTA membership, for both him and his students, and how without which he would not be the teacher he is today. He expressed his gratefulness for the goading by his former teacher mentor to join PMTA early in his career.

Distinguished Service – Susan Kuntz of Lehigh Valley chapter, presented by chapter member Darlene Ziegler. Susan humbly and gratefully applauded each member present for their dedication to their students, with the encouraging words that we are each deserving of both “teacher of the year” and “distinguished service” awards.

INTRODUCTION OF KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Wendy introduced this year's Keynote Speaker, Artina McCain. Artina spoke on Human Connections and the importance of greater emotional connectivity as artistic musicians and teachers, through cultural enrichment, connecting with experts, and emotionally “connecting your greater purpose to your art.”

CONCLUSION

Wendy again thanked the conference chairs, as well as the sponsors and board of directors, who have tirelessly contributed to the success of PMTA as an organization. The rest of the day's events were outlined, the raffle was drawn, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM.

Minutes for today's meeting were gathered and typed by Miriam Shingle, then edited and submitted by Justin Badgerow, Secretary.