

**MTGBR Meeting**  
**August 25, 2024, 4:30 pm**  
**Christine Lien's House**

**Call to Order** at 4:30 pm  
Christine Lien, President

**2024-2025 Dates**

- **First Meeting: Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 6 PM**
  - Location: Christine's house
  - Potluck
- **Second Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 6 PM**
  - Location: Melanie's house
- **Due Date for Duet Festival Paperwork - October 26, 2024**
- **Duet Festival: Saturday, November 16, 2024**
  - Location: O'Neill's
- **Christmas Party: Friday, December 6, 2024 at 11:30 AM**
  - Location: La Madeleine on Jefferson Highway
- **Solo Festival: Saturday, February 22, 2025 (tentative date)**

**Meeting Topics for the Fall**

- **First Meeting: Sunday, September 22, 2024 at 6 PM**
  - Time to pay dues! Members can bring checkbooks
  - Discuss the new bulletin
  - Reinforce the festival rules
  - Confusion about duet festival in regards to leveling of the duet partners... the students can pick music up to one level lower than the **lower** level partner in solo festival. Melanie said she would be willing to explain during this first meeting.
  - Other things:
    - registering on Vivace
    - whether to check alternate for Solo/LFO
  - Mentorship - more experienced teachers can help newer teachers with finding festival pieces, Vivace, etc.
- **Second Meeting: Sunday, October 20, 2024 at 6 PM**
  - Bring checks for duet festival fees!
  - Discuss the composition competition that Mary Campbell's student won.

### **Voice Chair Requirements**

- Temporarily held off until we have student interest.

### **Membership Fee**

- Students will pay \$16 to enter duet, solo, etc. festivals. Students will pay \$12 for theory festival.
- **2024-2025 dues are \$45. The dues cover no students to enter festival. Each student will cost an extra \$3 added to the initial dues.**

### **Makeup Policy**

- The teacher should make the student aware to try to not be busy on the festival date. The teacher/student needs to make arrangements to have a makeup no more than one week before.
- If the student is sick the day of the festival, he/she has a week to make-up his festival.

### **Finding Judges**

- Fee for judges should be said upfront before the day of the festival.
- Fee for judges will be \$175. Lunch included.
- For duet festival, the fee for judges will be determined once we know how many duet ensembles will participate.
  - \*Melanie will confirm the O'Neil's duet festival date and send confirmation to Avis.

### **Solo Festival Location**

- Pat will call Zack Hazelwood after Labor Day holiday to see if LSU is available for our tentative date (February 22, 2025).

### **Signing up for Duet Festival**

- Teachers will need to put in notes when registering in Vivace that Level 4 and up theory students should be scheduled early to allot them more time to finish theory test.

### **Theory Festival**

- No new 2025 practice tests. You can use the 2024 practice tests sent out by Mary Campbell last year.

- New theory workbooks called Theory Time - consult festival bulletin.

**Meeting adjourned**

Minutes taken by Scarlett Ellender, 2023-2025 Secretary