

MTGBR General Meeting
August 27, 2023 6:00 pm
Christine Lien's House

Call to Order at 6:30 pm

Christine Lien, President

Introduction of Officers

President	Christine Lien
Vice-President	Melanie Anderson
Secretary	Scarlett Ellender
Treasurer	Diane Chenault
Past President	Wendy Shoff
Chairman for Solo Festival	Pat Sanchez
Chairman for Theory Festival	Mary Campbell
Chairman for Voice Festival	Sharon Thibodeaux
Co-Chair for the Treasurer	Sharon Thibodeaux
Chairman for Vivace	Pat Sanchez
Co-Chair for Vivace	Avis Marie Bickham
Website Master	Scarlett Ellender

Executive Board Meeting Report

Scarlett Ellender

- Discussion of July 16, 2023 Meeting
 - Setting Member Dues and Fees for entering Festival
 - Providing clarity to judges of the judging criteria at Festival
 - Updating the musicteachersofgreaterbatonrouge.org website

Printed Directory

Melanie Anderson

- Melanie discussed that she will update the member directory. She received updated information from the members present at the meeting. Please contact Melanie with any new contact information that you may have.
- For those members who would like their home address removed from the MTGBR website because of safety concerns, please contact Scarlett Ellender.

MTGBR Finance and Balance

Diane Chenault

Music Teachers of Greater Baton Rouge

August 2022 – July 2023

Sr & Jr Dues Collected	\$1227.00	
LFMC		(\$1035.00)
Ensemble Festival Entry Fees	\$604.00	
Ensemble Festival Judges		(\$175.00)
Gift Card – Rafe		(\$75.00)
Chair – Avis		(\$100.00)
	Total	(\$350.00)
	Remains	\$254.00
Piano Solo	\$3711.00	
Theory	\$ 792.00	
Voice	\$ 14.00	
Violin	\$ 14.00	
	Total	\$4531.00
Expenses		
Lunch		(\$ 247.00)
FBC Baton Rouge		(\$ 900.00)
Judges		(\$1750.00)
Chairs – Avis Bickham, Pat Sanchez, Mary Campbell, Nina Wachter		(\$ 500.00)
	Total	(\$3397.00)
	Remains	\$1134.00
Sent to LFMC		(\$2765.00)
Account on July 31, 2023		\$ 9229.54

Membership Fee

- The \$45 member dues now covers only 6 students for the teacher due to increased fees for the NFMC. Each student past 6 students is an extra \$3 per student.
- We are usually paying a club fee – to pay for lunch, expenses (pencils, folders). This year we don't have a club fee to give the teachers a break.
- Suggestions about donations: the group can donate to the state or national to contribute to giving scholarships.

- **Motion approved:** This year (2023-2024), the membership fee will be \$45, which will cover 6 students. Each student past 6 students will cost an extra \$3.
- Membership dues are due October 1st to Diane Chenault.
- **Motion approved:** Next year (2024-2025), the membership fee will be \$45, which will cover no students. Each student will cost an extra \$3.
- Festival fees have been raised to \$15 for solo, hymn, concerto, duet, voice festival; \$12 still for theory.

Motion approved: The MTGBR by-laws and constitution has been approved, and Scarlett will upload the document to the website.

New Members

Taylor Foster is present.

Meeting Dates

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- Check the MTGBR website for 2023-2024 meeting dates.

Festival Dates

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- Duet Festival: 11/11/2023 at O'Neill's Music Store
- Solo Festival: 2/24/2024 at First Baptist Church

Lengthy discussion about solo festival dates and location. February 24th was originally set as a makeup date, but there will be many students who will be on this makeup date, and more students may have had to be added later. Ultimately, it was decided that it will be easier to have February 24th as the actual festival date.

Motion approved: Solo Festival will be February 24, 2024 at First Baptist Church.

Melanie proposes that we could have a makeup date on March 2nd at O'Neills.

Vivace Business

- Pat Sanchez is looking for an admin #2 for Vivace. Yannah Gustafson said that she will do it.
- Teachers can start putting in their students to Vivace.
- For students that dropped festival, you can archive them.
- For transfer students, contact Kay Hawthorne

- For students who have participated in festival before but aren't in the system, contact Pat Sanchez. You will need a copy of their festival history.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

Minutes taken by Scarlett Ellender, 2023-2025 Secretary