

MTGBR Meeting
January 19, 2025, 4:00 pm
Christine Lien's House

Call to Order at 4:00 pm

Christine Lien, President

Members Present

- 13 members present
- Christine Lien, Pat Sanchez, Scarlett Ellender, Mary Campbell, Avis Bickham, Melanie Anderson, Laurie Barbier, Diane Chenault, Khiam Drury, Julia Payne, Abby Bourque, April Reaux, Mary Bresowar

Introduction of Board Members

President - Christine Lien

Vice-President - Melanie Anderson

Secretary - Scarlett Ellender

Treasurer - Diane Chenault

Festival: February 22, 2025

- Every teacher who enters students into festival is responsible for helping out that day. If you are not attending, you are responsible for providing a replacement

What to Bring to Festival, Melanie Anderson

Potluck for festival! The teacher's last name first initial below will tell you what to bring for the festival on February 22:

A-C - appetizers

D-R - dessert

S - salad

T-W - drinks

Piano Pronto - website recommendation from Melanie. You can buy music from this website and get a studio license for the music (unlimited copies).

Scarlett Ellender, secretary

- Please check musicteachersofgreaterbatonrouge.org for Meeting Minutes, Festival dates and info

- Please let Scarlett know if you have an updated phone number, address, etc. so that she can update your teacher information on the website.

Solo Festival Registration Fees:

- \$16 per event, except \$12 for the theory test

Treasurer's Report, Diane Chenault

Music Teachers of Greater Baton Rouge

October 2024 – December 2024

Starting Balance		\$ 9,319.34
Deposit	\$1,986.00	
Checks	(\$152.00)	
Website	(\$144.00)	
Ensemble & Concerto Entry Fees	\$870.00 (32 students)	
Ensemble Festival Judges		(\$200.00)
Gift Card – Rafe		(\$75.00)
Chair – Avis		(\$100.00)
	Total	(\$375.00)
LFMC		(\$1438.00)
LFMC		(\$23.00)
Pat Sanchez		(\$20.00)
Balance 12/30/24		\$ 10,131.84

Vivace and Solo Festival Chairman's Report: Pat Sanchez

- Please remember to check the bulletin updates (located on the Vivace website) to ensure that your repertoire choices are still valid.

- Question regarding using digital music for festival
 - Must have proof that your digital music is within the public domain or that you have bought the music yourself (i.e. a proof of purchase at the bottom of the page)
- We have liability insurance for festival, but we need 2 adults per judging room present (judge+witness). We have 4 judges, so we need 4 of us members to work as room monitors.
- Alternating events - if you're combining points, for example, solo and LFO, check the "alternating?" box
- Theory: if your student is taking the theory test and is at a higher level, they will try to schedule these students either early in the morning or late in the afternoon
- Transferring a student from one teacher to another... or incorrect birthday? Let Pat Sanchez know.
- LFMC state convention will be held March 28-29 at First United Methodist Church. A guest will come to talk and perform.
- Number of judges? We currently have 4 but we will probably increase this number to 5 to accommodate about 300 students entering festival
- New Popular music category. Both of the pieces
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Theory Chairman's Report: Mary Campbell

- Visit the MTGBR website or this link (<https://www.nfmc-music.org/festival/>) for theory resources and sample tests.

Other Comments

- Please try to recruit volunteers for our festival! Older piano students (8th grade or older) can come for part or all of the day and can earn service hours. They can also eat free lunch.

No Meeting in March; Luncheon is Saturday, April 12, 2025 lunch (time and place TBD)

Meeting adjourned

Minutes taken by Scarlett Ellender, 2023-2025 Secretary