

The GJMTA January meeting was held on the 13th at the home of Amber Berry. There were 9 in attendance.

- The meeting began with a program presented by Dr. Adrian Herrera-Escobar titled " The Art of Using Your Inner Ear in Jazz Improvisation." Many instructive ideas were skillfully presented including the importance of singing while you play.

The business meeting was called to order by President Hope.

- The minutes were read and approved.
- Treasurer Becky reported a balance of \$3,985.06
- After research, Becky reported P.O. Boxes were too expensive and not a good solution to the home address problem.

Committee reports followed:

- **Ribbon Festival:** many ideas for a solution to the Ribbon Festival shortage of ribbons dilemma were brainstormed.
  - The solution agreed on by an unanimous vote was to give the ribbons already in our possession, regardless of the color, to the students who did not receive a ribbon at the festival
  - A solution for less expensive ribbons for future festivals will be addressed by the Ribbon Festival Committee and reported at a later date.
  - Bobbi agreed to present a thank you card and a \$100.00 check to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints to be donated to their humanitarian fund in appreciation for the use of the church for the Ribbon Festival.
- **Sonatina:** registration must be in by February 4<sup>th</sup> to participate. Festival is well organized and predicted to be problem free thanks to Sara and her committee,
- **American Composer:** Many thanks to Tori Fedler for chairing this event. She has requested the First United Methodist Church as the venue and is waiting for their approval. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the date for the event and the number of recitals (one or two) will depend on the number of students signed to participate . . . possibly a morning and an afternoon performance.
  - Tori would like a report from each teacher by February 10<sup>th</sup>, stating how many students will likely participate and the total time their studio numbers would take.
  - By March 4<sup>th</sup>, she needs a list of the student names and song names, composer names and the timed length of each piece.
- **Adult Gala:** No report this month

New Business

- Several have received requests for traveling teachers to give lessons in home. No one in our organization provides this service.

Meeting was Adjourned.