

GJMTA Meeting December 10, 2021

Crossroads United Methodist Church

There were 11 teachers and guests in attendance. We started with a potluck luncheon and then went down the hall to a studio to perform for each other. We had our business meeting first.

The meeting was called to order by Amber Berry. We did not read the November minutes. Becky Dyck read the bank account balance which was \$2807.43. No one had anything to report from any of the committees except Hope (Ribbon Festival).

We celebrated the success of the Ribbon Festival on November 13th. The event ran right on schedule and it was nice to have the extra 5 minutes between students to disinfect the pianos. Everyone enjoyed having food in the kitchen during breaks. It was wonderful to have Davis Devereux and his Mom (Loraine?) back on our volunteering team. It was nice having the missionaries from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints helping with set up and take down. Hope explained some changes that will be coming next year. She plans to schedule volunteers who enjoy helping out year after year in longer shifts so we have less rotation in the volunteers throughout the day. She plans to add High School and college music students as volunteers in order to mentor them and welcome them into our organization down the road. She plans to record the ear training tests herself so we do not have to rely on CSMTA to get us the correct recordings and so we do not need to rely on working wifi to play the tests. She will check to see how loud the recordings are and whether additional speakers are needed to supplement the sound. She plans to encourage more students to participate in written theory and ear training tests and to take those tests **at** ribbon festival rather than at home or at their lessons. This makes the experience more official for the students. She plans to bring tablecloths for the art room, as the bare tables were an eyesore this year.

Following the business meeting, Sydnee and her adult student performed a duet by Darius Millhaud. Amber and her daughter played the first movement of the Saint Saens Cello Concerto, Hope played a Christmas arrangement by Mark Hayes, Sara and her Mom played/sang an arrangement of Silent Night mashed with Debussy's Clair de Lune.