

Milwaukee Chapter PTG Minutes
Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Location: Hartland Music, 1125 James Drive, Hartland, WI.

Called to order: 7:36 PM

RPTs Present: Eric Carlson, Tim Dixon, Tim Fleming, Cory Jacobson, Larry McDonald, Jon Moberg, Mike Spalding

Other Members Present: Brandon Condon, Kayla Huhn, Claire Kronshage, Dan Schneider, John Shebesta, Kim Westergaard

Guests: Ellen McDonald

Minutes: Minutes of the June 2023 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance June 9, 2023: \$14,649.37

Activity since the last meeting:

 Deposit: +\$60

 Dues Received: +\$900

 Check to Brandon Condon, reimbursement for Alternate to Council expenses. -\$258.16

Ending Balance August 31, 2023: \$15,351.21

Officer/Committee Reports:

-Our chapter dues collection form will be sent to the Home Office.

-If anyone has ideas for technicals or offers of hosting meetings, let Cory Jacobson know.

Report from Council, via Kim Westergaard

- From Executive Director:
 - A membership campaign for next year will push for recruitment and retention of new members.
 - Seeking classes for the Home Office.
- MYPTG.ORG had a major update. Check it out!
 - The tech team is working to improve the visibility/placement on online search engines for the PTG website to appear closer to the top.
 - PTGL section chat room, which is linked from the PTG website, is an open forum for discussions, but has had incidents of drama with no moderator.

- One beneficial option would be for us to get the PTG Playground sent, and host a multi-chapter Saturday event.
- The idea to trade council for all-member voting via an online platform has been tabled. It did not pass for now.
- D.I.E. Diversity inclusion statement to add to institution bylaws did not pass. The compromise was to include such verbage on publications.
- PTG is dissolving their financial relationship with the International Association of Piano group.
- New officers elected. These are listed in the latest Journal.
- Maria Pollock was reelected for our own Regional VP.

From the Leadership Forum, via Kim Westergaard:

- How to grow your chapter... (We are doing very well in that department.)
- Quarterly Zoom meeting offered to all, to discuss things with leadership.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Brandon has one spot left for his carpool to the Steve Brady classes in Chicago on September 9.

New Business:

From the Education Committee, via Larry McDonald:

Regarding taking RPT Exams, the committee would like to offer a class for anyone interested, to prepare for the written exam. Tentatively September 30, 2pm at Hartland Piano. Bring a pencil and paper.

Tim Flemming suggested a field trip to Charles Walter Piano in Elkhart Indiana, to see their new facility for refinishing & restoring pianos.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:25 PM (Claire Kronshage motioned, Eric Carlson seconded.)

Technical: Attendees from the PTG National Convention in Arlington, VA reported what they learned from the classes and events. It was a very well attended and successful convention, over 700 people! There is always something more to learn in this industry!

Respectfully Submitted,
 Kayla Huhn
 Milwaukee PTG Chapter Secretary