

Milwaukee Chapter PTG Minutes
Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Location: Kronshage Residence. W200S8525 Woods Rd, Muskego WI.

Called to order: 7:30 PM

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

Other Members Present: David Bahrke, Brandon Condon, Kayla Huhn, Claire Kronshage, Jing Yi Pan, Dan Schneider, Kim Westergaard

Guests: Patrick Holness

Minutes: Minutes of the June 2023 meeting were accepted, with the amendment that Maria Pollock was not reelected, but replaced Mike Gotowski as our Regional VP.

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance September 1, 2023: \$15,351.21

Activity since the last meeting: none

Ending Balance September 30, 2023: \$15,351.21

Treasurer Claire Kronshage collected suggestions about different banks to use instead of Huntington, because we are currently not earning interest. (i.e. Discover, C.D.s, Educators, Landmark.) Claire will research and report back.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Education:

Thursday October 26 at 5:00 PM, Hartland Piano will be hosting an RPT Written Exam prep class for anyone interested. Pizza will be provided. 1125 James Drive #8366, Hartland WI.

Upcoming RPT exam change: The grand regulation portion will be upgrading to the 3-key action model instead of the 1-key model. We may need to look at purchasing one of the new models as a Chapter. They run about \$800.

Quarterly Regional Delegate Meeting:

Brandon attended this month's online meeting.

There is a 3 day grand regulation class being offered at the Home Office for \$1,800, but so soon after the National Convention, there is not a lot of interest.

Next Fall is the Midwest Regional Conference.

A Full-Time bookkeeping position is open at the Home Office.

There was a discussion about whether or not to create state chair positions within the PTG.

Look for the next regional delegate meeting in January, then another in the spring.

Old/Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

Effective January 1, 2024, the Department of Revenue is implementing a tax change for both the city and the county of Milwaukee. There will be an online database by address to check which taxes apply to your clients. Sales tax is decreasing starting in October 2023.

There are multiple lawsuits against Tom Newhouse. (Missing pianos, half-finished work on returned pianos.) Kim maintains that friendship to be available to save people's pianos. Newhouse is not a PTG member, so all we can do is be aware, and to steer clients toward other refurbishers & rebuilders instead.

Dan Schneider will host the November meeting, with a technical from Rhodes instruments. Eric Carlson will host the December meeting at Artistic Piano.

The Madison PTG chapter is down to 4 technicals per year. Coming up on the 10th is a Zoom technical with Brookes Limited on hanging upright hammers.

A discussion was tabled about whether we want to do a January meeting, or possibly replace it with a PTG Playground day or other skills day.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19 PM (Larry McDonald motioned, Tim Dixon seconded.)

Technical: Cory Jacobson facilitated a technical discussion about tuning stability and techniques for both ETD and aural tuning. Lots of great information!

Respectfully Submitted,
Kayla Huhn
Milwaukee PTG Chapter Secretary