

INDEPENDENT MUSIC TEACHER FORUM MEETING

MTNA National Conference – Disney Coronado Springs Resort
Sunday March 18, 2018

Meeting Convened: 2:15 pm

Presiding: Sherry Frush, South Central Division Director

Attendance: 21

- Sherry welcomed everyone to the meeting and described the purpose of the forum as a venue for discussing the needs of the Independent Music Teacher with respect to how MTNA can meet those needs through their programs and services. She expressed appreciation to the office staff of MTNA, and all agreed that they do an excellent job.
- Sherry introduced Geri Gibbs, incoming Director and Chair of the IMTF beginning Wednesday, March 21, 2018
- Sherry asked if anyone had received/seen the IMTF email sent by MTNA that Sherry wrote.
 - Very few who were present knew about it.
 - Only one response to the email requested assistance with student recruitment and retention.
- Sherry asked what to report to MTNA that was a success or request
 - The MTNA Discounts are extremely helpful.
 - A link to ID MTNA members as teachers was requested - Wasn't it NEA?
 - Sherry reminded attendees of the resources on the MTNA website for Independent Music Teachers
- Sherry asked how many in attendance subscribed to music groups on social media and announced that MTNA was now on Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram, etc. Approximately one third of the room responded that they subscribed/followed more than one, and were enthusiastic about MTNA's direction.
- The change to the Division Competitions was announced. Beginning in 2019, competitors will submit a video recording instead of a live competition.
- The question of insurance for sexual harassment was discussed. It is not available through MTNA at this time. Several states expressed concern about holding events in universities that require insurance coverage. Very costly and prohibitive. Someone asked if such a policy would cover individual teachers. The answer is no.
- The question arose as to whether it was necessary to have release forms from parents for recording of student performances. A few stated that in previous years for their use, festival/performance application forms have a box that they have to sign, that they agree to abide by the rules of the event, such as no video recording. Danielle Dallas, music teacher and attorney from Utah addressed the issue.

- Gloria, State IMTF Chair from Arizona asked if MTNA had help for website development. We were reminded that that members can set up a personal account on the MTNA website, with profile and picture, etc.
- Sherry thanked everyone for their attendance

Meeting adjourned: 3:15 pm

Recorded by Geri Gibbs