



**PIANO
TECHNICIANS
GUILD**

MEETING NOTICE

Monday June 1, 2009

The Piano Place

1307 E. Maple ste E, Troy, Mi 48083
248-619-9027

North side of Maple (15 Mile)
just West of StephensonHwy

6:30 Applied skills: Richard Bittner will be doing a short restringing class.

7:15 Dinner

7:30 Business meeting

We need to advise our delegates on how to vote on several proposed bylaws changes. Bring your PTG Journal Supplements.

8:00 Main Technical

Ray Negron from Ronsen Piano Hammers will be demonstrating their products, as well as showing the hammer manufacturing process.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There was some discussion at the May meeting about what we can do to improve meeting attendance and participation. We have 61 members in our chapter and our meetings average about 20 people. We need to know why. We also need to know what you would like our chapter to offer for technicals, applied skills, etc. I know we may never get 100% attendance at meetings, but I would like to see 100% of our members answer this survey. Please give us just 5 minutes of your time so we know where we should be heading. You can email me, write me, even call me. The results of this survey will be published in the September newsletter, and will be used to help us plan our future meetings. Even if you have no plans to ever show up at a meeting, we want to know why. Please fill out the survey! This is your chapter, and this is an easy way to give your input.
Clem Fortuna

MINUTES

The May meeting was held at the Evola Music Warehouse in Pontiac MI. 9 RPT's, 7 Associates and 3 guest were present. The minutes and Treasurer's reports were accepted as published in the newsletter. Richard Bittner brought up the matter of whether a \$1226 expense for our May technical presenter was excessive. Several people said they assumed that the presenters were from Yamaha, but Scott explained that though were trained at Yamaha, they were not employed by Yamaha and the technical was not specific to Yamaha. It was also explained that the money was not a fee but travel expenses including 2 hotel rooms (it was explained that one of them snores). Jan Otto said that all speakers stayed at their house when she was program chair, and this is one way to reduce costs, as well as creating good will. Bruce Carter suggested that the board set a budget for speakers. Dan Harteau suggested that the chapter's treasury is for chapter technicals so it should be used; Richard Bittner said he would like to see the chapter host a regional conference soon and it would cost around \$8000, though the money could be recouped. Ron Harris suggested it not be done for a couple of years since the national convention is in Michigan this year. Clem Fortuna plans to do a survey in the newsletter to better address the desires of the membership.

The new board was elected unopposed, Clem Fortuna, president, Scott Nelson, vice president, Ron Harris, secretary and Paul Sharkey, treasurer. Jeff Mossington reminded us of the June 10 deadline for registration at the convention at the current rate. Motion to adjourn by Dan Harteau, seconded by Bruce Carter.

SURVEY

Name _____

What technical presentation topics would you be interested in?

What technical presentation topics are NOT interesting to you?

What applied skills topics would interest you?

What applied skills topics do NOT interest you?

Which of these affect your attendance at meetings?

- _____ Technical Topics
- _____ Applied skills topics
- _____ Location (choice of venue)
- _____ Location (city)
- _____ Schedule conflict
- _____ Other (please explain)

What else would you like to see your chapter do, or do differently?

- _____ Social activities
- _____ Chapter project/ classes
- _____ More newsletter content
- _____ Other (please explain)

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