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Chapter Meeting Minutes March 16, 2021

The meeting was hosted online over Zoom by Kim Hoessly

Attendance:

Andrew Kovaleski, Kim Hoessly, Michael Gutowski, CERVP; Chris Altenburg, Wayne Strautman, Justin Swain, Ron Kenreich, David Stang, Morgan Sieg, Walter Bagnall, Mark Ritchie, Maggie Jusiel

Treasurer's Report:

\$1856.99

Old Business:

Kim Hoessly is hosting continuing education sessions for folks working toward the RPT exams over Zoom, following the lesson plan in the PACE manuals. The sessions will take place on the first Tuesday of each month. If you are interested in taking part in these

sessions, please email Kim at:

khoessly@columbus.rr.com

New Business:

David Chadwick has resigned from his position as president of the Columbus Chapter of the PTG. Chris Purdy, not present at this month's meeting, was nominated as a presidential candidate, but has respectfully declined. He is currently applying for the Diaconate of the Catholic Church, and feels that he will be too busy to give the position the attention it deserves.

New Business, Continued:

During the April meeting, the chapter will take nominations from the floor with the intention of electing a new president. The current slate is as follows:

President - Vacant

Vice President - Chris Purdy, RPT

Treasurer - Ron Kenreich

Secretary - Andrew Kovaleski

Imm. Past Pres. - David Chadwick, RPT

Kim Hoessly suggested that in May, it may be possible for the chapter to meet in person, and she floated the new Solich Piano location as a possible host site. She also suggested that near the end of the summer, the chapter could meet for a picnic halfway between Columbus and Athens to ease the travel burden on our Athens members. Additionally, Kim suggested that it may be convenient for some in the chapter if we scheduled a meeting for the afternoon, rather than evening.

There was discussion about updating the Chapter Bylaws to reflect updates in the National Bylaws. Our CERVP, Michael Gutowski, offered to proof the update. Kim, Mark, Walter and Andrew will work on the update. If anyone else would like to help out, email Kim (khoessly@columbus.rr.com)

Mark Ritchie and Ron Kenreich suggested that a younger member ought to have a signature on file with the chapter's bank account. Ron is going to look into the process necessary to add a signature to the account, and send the information to Andrew Kovaleski to move forward with.

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Butts and Flanges

Central East Regional Vice President Michael Gutkowski visited this month's Columbus PTG meeting. He told the chapter that this year's Annual PTG Convention is officially happening in Orlando, FL this year - more information is available at the following link:

<https://www.ptg.org/ptgmain/about/events> .

The Guild is hoping to administer RPT Exams during the convention, and Michael urged members of our chapter to consider taking these exams during the convention.

Wayne Strautman asked about advice for resolving poorly rendering strings on a Kimball grand piano, and Mark Ritchie suggested that a light application of Protek can help the strings render more easily. Wayne Strautman also reminded the chapter that Chris Purdy recommended last month to knock the string flat, then pull the string to pitch, using blows to finish rendering the string.

A Message from Mark Ritchie

It was a great pleasure for me to see many new PTG members and guests at our last zoom meeting. All organizations require new faces, and ideas to remain vital. The Guild has presented myself with many learning opportunities through seminars, conventions, technical institutes, and chapter meetings. The informality of a chapter meeting, just talking with others who understand your daily dealings with pianos, and people, can be very productive. There are no bad questions only the ones never asked.

After nearly 50 years of being involved with pianos I have decided to take an extended sabbatical, one might call it a retirement, but pianos will always be part of my life. I intend to have a shop sale of many tools, parts, and probably a collection of dust. I would like to offer this to the chapter first before I go on the tool exchange page. I will also have materials from our late member Tom Ruff. We will set up a date for the sale at the next chapter meeting.

Here are just a few items to be offered; some tagged, some auctioned:

Starrett micrometer, pinning tools, Hold Heat hot pot & chamber, key easing pliers, tension gauge, Strate Mate, hammer hanging jig, pin setter, wire gauge, shank reducer. dead blow hammer, Hart damper tool, duckbill pliers, regulating tools, parts, hand tools, power tools, out of production parts, and many freebies.

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Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, April 20

7:30pm

**Meeting will be hosted
online by Kim Hoessly**

**Link to join meeting
in Zoom will be
emailed prior to the
meeting**

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