



*News of Note*

*May 2021*

Hi Everyone,

What an exciting meeting we had on Friday, May 14 at Lin Breyer's lovely home. We sat outside in glorious sunshine and even got to remove masks according to the new CDC guidelines. We finally got to welcome new members Stephen Longenecker and Roderick Nevin in person. On a sad note, we had to say farewell to Lin Breyer who will be moving soon. Many thanks to all who attended and to those who filled out the questionnaire. Change is in the air!

**RESTRUCTURE:** The vote was to restructure with a streamlined Executive Committee that looks as follows for 2022-2024:

President: Stephen Longenecker

Secretary: Holly Altenderfer

Treasurer: Jennifer Frecon-Smith

Immediate Past President: Barbara Lanza

The new positions as followed will be:

Events Coordinator: Millie Eben

Website Manager: Millie Eben; Mentor: Roderick Nevin

We voted to make Millie an Honorary Member for her donation of time and talent to these new positions. **Still needed is an Event Coordinator Mentor.**

**INCREASE INCOME:** We also voted on the following ways to raise income:

Dues will be raised by \$10.00 (new rate=\$30.00), event fees will be raised by \$5.00, a charge of \$10.00 extra will be added to students' fees of non RMTA members for events, and we will eliminate the tiered pricing for families at events.

**NEW BY-LAWS:** The new changes towards restructuring require that the By-laws be changed. Millie has agreed to do this however, she **will need several members to volunteer as proofreaders.**

Please contact Millie Eben at [mgeben@mac.com](mailto:mgeben@mac.com) or 610-370-2831 if you can proofread

**CONFERENCES:** The PMTA Conference is going to be held virtually. The dates are **June 11-13** and the **registration deadline is June 6.**

**PLANNING MEETING:** Our next meeting is scheduled for **June 25.** Location and time TBA

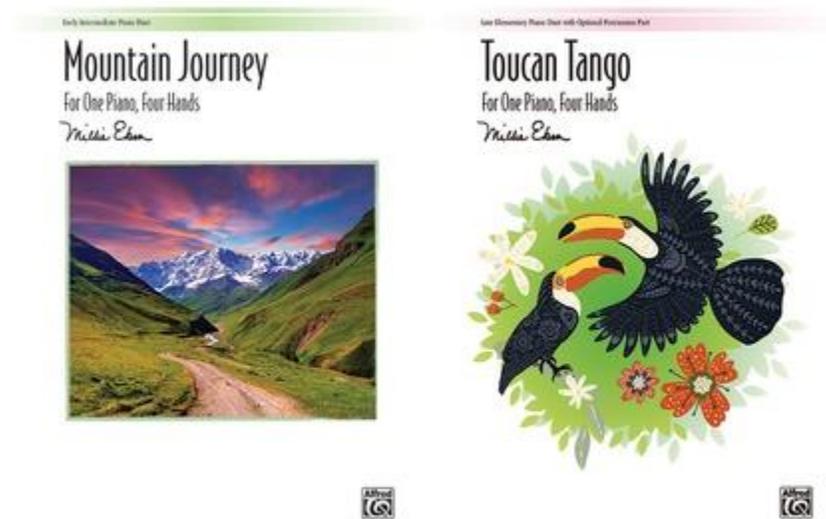
We discussed some new ideas for student events such as periodic virtual recitals, themed recitals, workshops, and an exciting idea called “Creating Musical Bridges” where students combine other art forms with music and showcase their results at a venue.

We also talked about varying the day and times for some of our teacher events such as open discussions and workshops.

We hope to put together an exciting year for 2021-2022 at this meeting.

### **MUSIC BY MILLIE:**

Millie is pleased to announce the publication of two of her original student duets with Alfred Publications - Toucan Tango and Mountain Journey. For more information, visit the Alfred website at this link - <https://www.alfred.com/new-piano-music/b/>.



**MESSAGE FROM MILLIE:** *Thank you for all the cards, messages and well-wishes these past few months. They provided a spot of sunshine and helped push me through some rough days. Very much appreciated! Love you all!*

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