

Music Club Austin
Minutes December 4, 2024
First Unitarian Universalist Church
Austin, Texas

President Elisabeth Moreno called the meeting to order at 10 am and welcomed members and their guests. Thirty-five people were in attendance. She announced that because of the holiday nature of the program, there would be no official business portion, except approval of the November meeting minutes which was quickly concluded.

She also referred members to the December issue of Noteworthy which had just been posted online to read an update and see photos of the District VI meeting which had just concluded on November 16.

She then turned the program over to Linda Tietz (see attached list of performers and performances). The club was happy to welcome Sarah Avnet as guest guitarist for the sing-along of Hanukkah songs led by Sue Bilich.

The only other addition to the program was the surprise inclusion of a Piano Puzzler segment, performed by Brian Grothues. Brian adapted the format made popular by Bruce Adolphe for the challenge which runs weekly on KMFA and American Public Media radio. The puzzler consists of a well-known tune arranged in the style of a classical composer. Audience members were asked to identify both the tune and the composer. The winners were Deborah Scott Hammond and Timorthy Woolsey, both of whom correctly identified "Deck the Halls" in the style of Robert Schumann. Each winner received a music themed book.

After a final round of applause for the performers, Carol Brannon announced that she wanted to poll club members for possible interest in forming some kind of vocal ensemble. (Music Club Austin was originally comprised largely of singers.) Look for an email early in the New Year to check out interest.

A big thank you to Marcia Edwards and Kathryn Govier, the Hospitality chairs, and the generous club members who provided the refreshments arranged in the church vestibule: Susan Hollon, Linda Piefer, Erin Mayes, Kathryn Govier, Katherine Compton, Bobby Burris, Dixie Addington and Carol Brannon. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 so members could enjoy the holiday buffet.

PROGRAM

Program Leader: **Linda Tietz**

Song Leader: **Deborah Hammons** Accompanist: **Melanie Richards**

Song: "People, Look East" UUA 226

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A sing-along of Hanukkah songs,

Sue Bilich, song leader, with **Sarah Avnet**, guest guitarist

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Allegro Molto and *Rondo* from "Christmas Festival" (comp. 1899) by Carl Buttshardt
(unknown dates)

Meditation – Ave Maria by Bach/Gounod (1685-1750) / (1818-1893)

Performed by **Kathryn Govier** and **Marcia Edwards**, pianists

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Allemande and *Corrente* from "Partita in A minor for Solo Flute" by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Performed by **Pat Yingst**, flutist

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Panis Angelicus by Cesar Franck, 1822-1890

My Christmas Song For You Music by Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1982), Lyrics by Furniss
Peterson (1890-1956)

I'll be Home for Christmas by Walter Kent (1911-1994)

White Christmas by Irving Berlin (1888-1989)

Performed by **Charles Palmer**, baritone, and **Kathryn Govier**, pianist

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A Sing-along of Christmas Carols

Deborah Hammons, Christmas Carol Song Leader, with **Kathryn Govier**, pianist