



Central Oklahoma Chapter
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THE SOONER TUNER

Next Chapter Meeting



When: Thursday, April 18th
Location: Bruce Piano
Address: 13726 N Lincoln Blvd, Edmond, OK 73013
Time: 8:30 AM

Technical: Grand Piano Regulation
Bring your favorite regulation tools to show and use.

Our Central Oklahoma PTG Chapter Officers:

RVP - Doug Snook, RPT

President - David Bonham, RPT

Treasurer - Gary Bruce, RPT

Secretary – Steve Davis, Member

Newsletter Editor – Joseph Woolston, Member



David Bonham, RPT
COK-PTG President

President's Message

I just witnessed the partial eclipse. I walked out into the front yard of a house in Guthrie where I was tuning a Yamaha grand. I had my special glasses, and the view was pretty clear despite the light cloud cover. The orange crescent shape looked beautiful! I thought of all the people across the country who were also staring at this same phenomenon, and it occurred to me that this was a unifying event at a time when people are so divided in so many ways. I thought of a poster I had seen years ago with the caption: "Love consists not of staring into each other's eyes, but of gazing together in the same direction."

Let us all live our lives in ways that bring people together, seeking harmony amid the tensions that surrounds us and helping others focus on what is beautiful and worthy of our attention and reverence.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting next week!

David Bonham, RPT

CENTRAL OKLAHOMA CHAPTER PTG MINUTES 03/21/24

LOCATION: Bruce Piano

ATTENDEES:

Ben Sutter

Gary Bruce

David Bonham

Norman Cantrell

Joseph Woolston

Doug Snook

Steve Davis

Bruce Johnson

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Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by David Bonham, Chapter President

Doug Snook opened in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Doug Snook read the minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting.

A motion was made to accept the minutes as read after these corrections:

1. The name of the faculty member at SWOSU who was interested in having a PTG event there in the future was corrected to Dr Sophie Hung.
2. Under New Business discussion, a reference to the [Central Oklahoma Chapter](#) was incorrect, and was corrected to [Central Oklahoma Chapter Website](#).
3. Under New Business discussion, a reference to the PTG Delegate Experience was incorrectly listed as 07/10/24. The correct date is 07/15/24.

Seconded and accepted unanimously.

Treasurer Report given by Gary Bruce.

Current Balance in account is \$3,166.85, so there were no changes since the February 2024 report. Gary said he had also written a check for \$200.00 to the PTG Foundation and mailed it, but as of today's meeting it has not cleared the bank. He expects it to clear soon.

Norman Cantrell said that Liz was not planning to go to Reno, so she will not be an Alternate candidate to be our Delegate. The deadline is May, and Norman mentioned that since Jordan Bruce said he was going and that he would consider doing it, then that would probably be the best avenue to pursue for a Delegate. Our chapter has to submit the Delegate name by the deadline, and delegate has to check in to get voting privileges at the Council Meeting.

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Gary Bruce said he checked the metrics on our website recently and there hadn't been much activity until December (2023) – there were views from countries all around the world.

In reference to last month's discussion about TSI301 lube, Doug Snook said that he applied it to all the jacks on a Baldwin Model L at a church in Duncan, OK, and he plans to check periodically to see if it is holding up as well as he hopes. He will let everyone know the long-term results. He said it works as well as CLP, and hopefully it works longer.

David Bonham said that it won't be long before we will be talking election of next year's officers, so he encouraged everyone to be thinking about that. He said that we can set up a nominating committee any time now according to the new bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS

Joseph Woolston mentioned that he is thinking about going to the National Convention, so he would be willing to be a Delegate.

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Gary also mentioned that past newsletters have been uploaded onto the PTG.org website (under Chapter Newsletter Community in the Members section of the PTG Site).

Norman Cantrell said that a new Federal law – the Corporate Transparency Act that went into effect on 01/01/24 that will affect all Corporations and LLC companies. Corporations and LLC's will now have to go on the Corporate Transparency Website and fill out a Beneficial Owner Information Report. If you were in business prior to 01/01/24 you have until JAN 2025 to file the report; if you are a new business, you have 60 days to get the report filed. If you don't file timely, you are subject to fines of up to \$500/Day. It will not affect Sole Proprietors and a lot of PTG members are not CORP's or LLC's. Norman said he will get a link for everyone to the Gov't Website.

Doug Snook reported that the SCRC could possibly be in Waco, TX (Hilton Convention Center in February 2025, and hopefully most, if not all could attend. He said that they will know soon if that is the choice. (Tentative Dates could be last week of FEB or first week of MAR – Wed thru Sat meeting).

Doug Snook said that he visited Al Hardin in Lubbock at Texas Tech University, and that he is wanting to rebuild a Chapter for NW TX eventually. He also wants to start a program for students at TTU. Doug also visited a chapter in Albuquerque, NM and visited with Fred Sturm, RPT.

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Doug also plans to go to the Dallas PTG Chapter next week. Doug also met with Peyton Carter (young man who is interested in piano tuning/technical and would like to visit our Chapter meeting, but he has classes now).

DISCUSSION

There was brief discussion by Norman Cantrell and David Bonham about technical challenges on different pianos. David talked about and demonstrated a light he had bought about a year ago at Harbor Freight that works really well for him in technical work (Braun "Nite Buddy" light).

Gary Bruce mentioned one of his recent frustrating experiences on a Spinnet hammer repair. Others told some of their more humorous experiences in the field.

David Bonham adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM

TECHNICAL

Discussion and presentation about tuning.

Respectfully Submitted by
Steve Davis, Secretary