



Greater New York Music Library Association

## Minutes

### Spring Meeting

Friday, May 19, 2023, 9:30 A.M.

Library, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York City

Officers present:

Sara White, Chair

Ethan D'Ver, Secretary-Treasurer

Number of members present: 12

#### Pre-meeting

- Breakfast and social time

#### Business Meeting

- Treasurer's report
  - Income: none since fall meeting
  - Expenses: food and drink for this meeting, \$149.63
  - Balance: \$3493.23
  - Membership count: 44 dues-paying members, very average compared to previous years
- Election results
  - Catherine Hammer elected Vice-Chair; role currently vacant, will assume role upon conclusion of this meeting.
  - Jeremiah Kamtman elected Secretary-Treasurer; will assume role after Ethan D'Ver finishes his term at the conclusion of this meeting.
- Future activities/meetings
  - Rebecca Littman suggests the idea of organizing group visits to each other's institutions, separate from our biannual meetings. Sara White calls this a "library crawl."
  - Greg Sigman adds that we should consider visiting a wider range of institutions, not just libraries
  - Sara White requests ideas for fall 2023 meeting locations. Locations suggested, some of which were on hold from previous discussions, include: SUNY Stony Brook, the Louis Armstrong House Museum, the Morgan Library, and SUNY Purchase.
- Meeting adjourned

## Presentations

### **Jay Gorney and the Beginnings of Education for Musical Theatre Writers**

*Bret McCandless, Rutgers University*

Presenter discussed his research on the early history of musical theater education, focusing on the teaching career of film and stage writer Jay Gorney, first at the New School and later at the American Theater Wing.

### **Moving in Midtown: The Challenges of Moving a Library Collection in Manhattan**

*Sara White, Catherine Hammer, AMDA*

The AMDA library, where this meeting was located, had recently moved from several blocks away. The presenters described the process and challenges of moving the collection with limited time and resources.