

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**  
 October 16, 2023 at 10:00am  
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Welcome:** Thuy welcomed those present

**Attendance:** Lisa, Sofia, Thuy,

**Regrets:** Rocco

**Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting in September were reviewed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Treasurer Report – Activities from Sept 25-Oct 16/23</b>				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
ORMTA Provincial	Branch portion of membership fees	1134		\$3,155.91
	<b>Operating Account: Closing Balance as of Oct 16/2023</b>			<b>\$11,209.68</b>
<b>Scholarship Account</b>				
Bank charge, Sept 29/23	Maintenance fee for September 2023		\$2.50	
<b>Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of Oct 16/23</b>				<b>\$4,814.39</b>

1/Branch Scholarships for Branch Competitions 2023: \$7,130, written 102 cheqs, but had 8 spare cheqs extra and 5 absent cheqs. Therefore, wrote out to 94 students. There are still currently 10 cheqs of total \$780 not cashed yet.

2/Confirmed all clinicians are booked for the year 2023-2024: thank you Lisa and Sofia for all the bookings!

December assessments: Peteris Zarins on December 3/23

March assessments (Piano): Amelia Grace Yates on March 2-3/24

March assessments (Vocal): Marion Abbott on March 3/24 Sunday

Piano Masterclass: Michael Esch on March 24/24

May Branch competitions (Piano): Joseph Ferretti on May 25-26/24  
May Branch competitions (Vocal): Allison Arends on May 26/24

Regarding outstanding scholarship cheques, we will plan to include a request to recipients to please cash the cheques in a timely manner. Parents will be advised that a cheque in a child's name can be cashed into a parent's account without issue.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**OCTA Nominations:** The deadline is adjusted earlier than before, now March 15.

**Masterclass clinician:** Michael Esch has been confirmed for this event.

**Voice Masterclass:** Sofia was asking about offering a vocal masterclass, possibly for next year, depending on interest and support from the voice teachers in the branch.

**Branch Competition and Assessments:** A reminder about upcoming deadlines will be sent out to the members.

The church has been booked for the various events at Christ First, and contracts set up. The first adjudicator contract has been sent out.

**Fun Afternoon/Winter Recital:** January 7 entry deadline with the event scheduled for Feb 11 as before. Depending on church availability, the event may move to the sanctuary, or to another location if necessary. The auction will remain, introducing some games/prizes, but the food will be removed due to the excess cleaning requirements. Thuy and Sofia will update the registration information and perhaps an updated informational flyer.

**Branch Dinner:** October 29 deadline with Lita Zagala in order to update the reservations for November 5 1:30 -3:30, at the Apricot Tree Café.

**Publicity and Social Media:** Sofia is updating the website as adjudicator photos and bios come in, as well as posting updates/reminders about upcoming deadlines.

**Fund-raising recital:** A gala fundraising concert, with tickets sold, featuring the top students from the Branch Competition is being considered for next school year. Scholarships would be distributed at this time. Further discussions will continue, including finding a suitable date, possibly held a week or 2 after the Branch Competition.

**Adjournment:** Thuy moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lisa.

**Next Executive Meeting:** Monday November 20 at 10 am, via Zoom hosted by Thuy.  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3446409559?pwd=VnNPdGFNQk5RnlpSmNtMHP2ZlZyQT09>

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