

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Executive Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2023 at 10:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Lisa, Sofia, Thuy, Rocco

Guest: Koi Inoue, president of the Brampton-Bolton-Caledon branch

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting in October were read, moved by Rocco and Sofia.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report – Activities from Oct 16-Nov 20/23				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Paula M Stellato, etr Oct 17/23	December Assessments Registrations Fee	Etr		\$33.00
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Oct 18/23	December Assessments Registrations Fee	Etr		\$462.00
Yasmin Moosa, etr Oct 18/23	December Assessments Registrations Fee	Etr		\$187.00
Lisa Raposa, etr Oct 18/23	December Assessments Registrations Fee	Etr		\$168.00
Barbara Prins, etr Oct 20/23	December Assessments Registrations Fee	Etr		\$160.00
GTA Zone, etr Nov 20/23	GTA Zone Levy for 46 members at \$7/member	Etr	\$322.00	
Etransfer fee, etr Nov 20/23	Etransfer Fee	Etr	\$1.50	
	Operating Account: Closing Balance as of Nov 19/2023			\$11,896.18
Scholarship Account				
Bank charge, Oct 31/23	Maintenance fee for October 2023		\$2.50	
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of Nov 19/23				\$4,526.89

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1/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 (Bio & photo done, not contract yet)

*March assessments (Piano): Amelia Grace Yates on March 2-3/24 (contract signed Oct 23/23, Bio done)

*March assessments (Vocal): Marion Abbott on March 3/24 Sunday (contract signed, Bio, photo done Oct 17/23)

Piano Masterclass: Michael Esch on March 24/24

*May Branch competitions (Piano): Joseph Ferretti on May 25-26/24 (contract signed Oct 30/23), only mileage # -----

*May Branch competitions (Vocal): Allison Arends on May 26/24 (Bio, photo, contract signed Oct 20/23), only need mileage # -----

A small amendment was made to the report to correct a name spelling and then accepted as amended. Moved by Thuy and seconded by Lisa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OCTA Nominations: The deadline is adjusted earlier than before, now March 31.

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: Rocco will email the schedule to the adjudicator, and will ask Lynne Oliver to open, with other help from Lisa Raposa, Paula Stellato, Yasmin Moosa for the 2nd class. Lisa and Sofia will arrange to set up the blank forms for printing and inserting in the box, along with adjudicator forms. Lisa will print out the programs for the desk, teacher assistant and adjudicator. We have a few student volunteers lined up for each time slots covering the entire afternoon.

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 may be removed due to the excess cleaning requirements. Thuy and Sofia will update the registration information and perhaps an updated informational flyer. Thuy will consider these changes in the next weeks if possible.

Branch Dinner: We had a lovely lunch at the Apricot Tree with 9 in attendance.

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. Currently the only one outstanding is Joseph Ferretti.

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, possibly moving the Branch Competition a bit earlier in May. The

Niagara branch has a concert to celebrate the students who earn First Class Honours with Distinction in RCM exams the previous year, with funds raised by donation only. The question becomes one of whether pay-as-you-can, and donations vs ticket admissions arises.

Branch plans: Koichi reported that his branch is down to 2 executive members only to support their 14 current members. Their branch activities are down to just the Branch competition to send students to Zone. The concerns here are the bank accounts. The BBC branch was maintaining a concert fund in addition to their branch funds, but is now just maintaining their accounts separately. Their concert is in a church with smaller. They also run a non-competitive festival in Caledon, with the support of Jen Smele, even though she is no longer a member. There are about 5-6 teachers who participate in this event, which is usually in mid-May, this year, May 4. Koichi is proposing perhaps maintaining the festival under a separate account. Jen may be invited to the executive meeting next time to provide information about the festival.

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

Next Executive Meeting: Monday January 8 at 10 am, via Zoom hosted by Thuy.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3446409559?pwd=VnNPdGFNQkJ5RnlpSmNtMHP2ZlZyQT09>

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