

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Executive Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024 at 10:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Lisa, Sofia, Thuy, and Rocco.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous meeting in January were read briefly. Lisa moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Thuy.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report – Activities from Jan 9-Feb 12/24

Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Sofia Peycheva, etr Jan 11/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital registrations			\$185.00
Sandra Pisani, etr Jan 11/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital registrations			\$50.00
Alexandra Weiss, etr Jan 19/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital registrations			\$120.00
Lynne Oliver, etr Jan 25/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital registrations			\$70.00
Thuy Vi Bach, cheq 12	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital registrations			\$70.00
Irina Semenova, etr Jan 18/24	March assessments registrations fee			\$38.00
Lisa Raposa, etr Jan 19/24	March assessments registrations fee			\$42.00
Halina Panasiewicz, etr Jan 19/24	March assessments registration fee for 1 student J. Lacko			\$39.00
Margaret Parsons, etr Jan 22/24	March assessments registration fee for 1 student J. Wei			\$28.00
Sofia Peycheva, etr Jan 22/24	March vocal assessments registrations fee for 14 students & 1 duet			\$447.00
Lita Zagala, etr Jan 22/24	March assessments registrations fee, need to let Lita know that she was using the old fee			\$538.00
Barbara Prins, etr Jan 22/24	March assessments registrations fee for 3 piano students & 6 vocal students			\$304.00
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Jan 22/24	March assessments registrations fee for 6 students			\$305.00
Jin Sung Kim (Winston Kim), etr Jan 22/24	March assessments registrations fee			\$1,161.00

Lynne Oliver, etr Jan 26/24	March assessments registrations fee			\$28.00
Thuy Vi Bach, cheq 13	March assessments registrations fee for 18 students			\$584.00
Rocco Signorile, etr Jan 29/24	March assessments registrations fee			\$341.00
Paula M Stellato, etr Feb 6/24	March assessments fee for 1 student A. Gale			\$28.00
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Jan 29/24	Piano Masterclass registrations, for 3 students & teacher fee			\$190.00
Lisa Raposa, etr Feb 6/24	Piano Masterclass registrations for 5 students & teacher fee			\$300.00
Christ First Church, etr Feb 7/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser recital auditorium rental @1-5:30pm: \$175=+\$30 custodian	Etr	\$205.00	
Etransfer fee, etr Feb 7/24	Etransfer Fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Transfer to Scholarship account, Feb 12/24	Transfer from Operating account to Scholarship account, from Sofia Peycheva's donation to Scholarship fund, on Jan 11/24	Transfer	\$50.00	
Thuy Vi Bach, cheq 996	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital expenses from Dollars Store, table covers, paper plates, decorations, tapes	996	\$45.20	
	Operating Account: Closing Balance as of Feb 12/2024			\$14,913.37
Scholarship Account				
Marg Parsons, cheq 603	Donations to Scholarship Fund			\$100.00
Sofia Peycheva, etr Jan 11/24	Donations to Scholarship Fund, transferred fr Operating account to Scholarship account, on Feb 12/24	Transfer		\$50.00
Cash received from Raffle Tickets, Feb 11/24	Fun Afternoon Fundraiser Recital, raffle tickets sales on Feb 11/24			\$525.00
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of Feb 12/2024				\$5,196.89

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). DONE

*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 # -----

2/Branch Executive Monthly Meetings Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3446409559?pwd=VnNPdGFNQkI5RnlpSmNtMHP2ZlZyQT09>

Meeting ID: 344 640 9559 Passcode: 177767

3/Fun Afternoon Recital: on Sunday Feb 11/24 @ 2:30pm-4:30pm

Registrations received from 5 teachers: \$495.00

Raffle Tickets Sales Cash received: \$525.00

Church rental/custodian: \$205

Decorations from Dollars store: \$45.20

Net: \$769.80 😊

4/So far, we have received March assessments registrations from 13 teachers

They moved to have the report accepted, seconded by Lisa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

OCTA Nominations: The deadline is adjusted earlier than before, now March 31. We hope to proceed with the nomination of Joe Ringhofer this year, having missed the opportunity last year. They will look into the application process. Lisa will proceed with some of the necessary application process and will confirm with Joe as to his interest and availability to attend the Provincial conference in July (in Ottawa).

Masterclass clinician: Michael Esch has been confirmed for this event, though a new contract will need to go out to him soon. The event can run 1 – 9 pm. The proposed base rate for clinicians for next year would go to \$85. A question arose about opening the classes to non-solos, but the current guidelines are more geared towards solo piano only. The student fee will be \$55 for ORMTA members and \$65 for non-members, teachers and auditors \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. Student volunteers and teacher volunteers will be recruited – Lisa R., Lisa I., Rocco, Winston and others?

Branch Competition and Assessments: They moved to increase the meal allowance to \$22 for this coming March assessments, especially given the long days involved. The Zone competition will proceed as usual at the branch level, and hopefully a hosting branch will be found for the GTA Zone. For our branch, the teacher volunteer may be asked to help keep track of time for the adjudicator. Student volunteers are being collected. Teacher volunteers will also be needed.

Scholarship funds: There was a discussion about maintaining the scholarship awards instead of

increasing by \$5 each, which would increase the potential total awarded to almost \$9000. Rocco moved to maintain the awards at the same level as last year. Seconded by Lisa. This motion can be readdressed for next year. A potential award to acknowledge our branch zone winners will be discussed at the April exec meeting.

Fun Afternoon/Winter Recital: Lynne was particularly helpful in preparing opening comments and other preparations. The addition of vocal students from Alexandra and Sofia was a particularly lovely part of the program. It was a truly fun event. A question arose about performance standard guidelines, but as a fun afternoon it was deemed an overall success. There was a discrepancy around the time limits for some, so hopefully we can keep a closer eye on this element for all entrants moving forward. With the success of this year, and the piano sounding better, it seems likely to stay downstairs to allow for the inclusion of the food part.

Provincial ORMTA: A request has gone out to seek branches to host the GTA Zone competitions.

Fund-raising recital: This event is still on the docket for further discussion.

Branch merger plans: Also yet to be decided.

Updates to the website: Sofia will send a request to Lita to add a recognition of Yasmin Moosa after her passing this month.

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

Next Executive Meeting: Monday March 18 at 10 am has been moved to Monday April 8 also at 10 via Zoom hosted by Thuy.

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