

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting Minutes
 June 25, 2024 at 9:30am
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Lisa, Sofia, Thuy, Paula, Rocco and Jill

Minutes: A summary of the minutes from the previous meeting in May were read. Lisa moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Thuy.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report – Activities from May 14-June 25/24				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Contemporary Showcase Canada, etr May 13/24	Contemporary Showcase forwarding ORMTA fee	Etr		\$237.50
Thuy Vi Bach, May 17/24	Envelopes from Walmart, for scholarship cheqs	Cheq 1112	\$12.41	
Transferred, etr May 27/24	Transferred from Operating account to Scholarship account for Scholarship cheqs	Etr	\$2700.00	
Thuy Vi Bach, May 27/24	40 medallions + shipping to Lisa Iwasaki, from the Willerton Group Inc. Prestige BadgePro	Cheq 1111	\$266.40	
Christ First Church, etr May 27/24	Church rental fee for May Branch Competitions for sanctuary and marigold room	Etr	\$1020.00	
Bank fee, May 27/24	Interac fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Joe Ferretti, etr May 27/24	Piano adjudicator fee for May 25-26/24		\$1468.80	
Bank fee, May 27/24	Interac fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Allison Arends, etr May 27/24	Vocal adjudicator fee for May 26/24	Etr	\$372.00	
Bank fee, May 27/24	Interac fee	Etr	1.50	
Lisa Iwasaki, etr May 31/24	Photocopying at Staples for program and certificates	Etr	\$145.22	
Bank fee, May 31/24	Interac fee	Etr	\$1.50	
	Operating Account: Closing Balance as of June 24/2024			\$5,334.65

Scholarship Account

Transferred, etr May 27/24	Transferred from Operating account to Scholarship account for Scholarship cheqs	Transfer		\$2700.00
Kathryn Martin, etr May 27/24	Donation			\$25.00
Cash donated in box from May 25-26/24	Collected \$639 in cash donation. But I deposited \$640 in cash to bank machine (on June 17/24)			\$640.00
Bank charge	18 cheqs over limit for the month, of \$1.25 each		\$22.50	
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of June 24/2024				\$4,149.39

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

*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

2/Branch Executive Monthly Meetings Zoom link:

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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/Piano Masterclass: on March 24/24 & 1:15pm-7:15pm

Registrations from 4 teachers Lisa I (3 students), Lisa R (5 students), Lynne (duet), Lita (1 student): \$650

Teachers audit from 2 teachers Jill & Rocco: \$50

Clinician Dr. Michael Esch fee: \$706.00

Church rental fee: \$381.50

Minus: -\$387.50

5/**Branch Competitions on May 25-26/24:**

Wrote \$8,370.00 (including 8 cheqs spare from 2023) and \$940.00 from Operating

Account Cheqs for Ties

Total: \$9,310.00 scholarships given out to students in 2024

Still about \$3,025 not cashed in Scholarship account and \$635 not cashed yet in Operating account. Meaning Operating account will only have left over of \$4,687.24 and only left of \$1,124.39 in Scholarship account.

6/What to do with expired cheq from 2023 and now one Dad requested for a new cheq, for Prep A (3rd place) of \$45, student Nolan Calcines from Barbara Prins. He couldn't cash the cheq recently because the bank said the cheq is expired. I thought it was from this year and requested him to write VOID on that cheq before I mail the new cheq. But I have checked the student's name and not from this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Treasurer: As per item 6 above, the discussion concluded with the decision to issue a new cheque in this case, but to stipulate that all scholarship cheques must be cashed by September 1. This has been updated in the information and application documents.

Scholarship funds: It was agreed that until the scholarship funds can be enriched suitably, 3rd place at the branch competition would be recognized with a ribbon/medal/trophy, but no cash scholarship until the funds can be enriched suitably. There is an agreement that ties will be more strictly restricted as well. The entry fee for teachers of \$25 will be implemented again. Teachers are encouraged to invite donations to the scholarship funds from families in their studio. Sofia proposed implementing a program for advertising in the branch competition program, only if a volunteer can be found to organize and solicit advertisers, including the Steinway Gallery, Long and McQuade or any other local businesses.

Branch Competition and Assessments: With the financial pressures we are under, the decision was made to increase all the fees by \$5.

Masterclass: This has historically been run at a loss, this year by \$387. Fees will also be increased to try to cover masterclass expenses, and some efforts to keep the clinician costs closer to \$80 will be made. There is some concern that this fee is too low for the calibre of masterclass clinician we would like to host.

Fun Afternoon/Winter Recital: In order to assist with fundraising, it would be helpful to find a teacher volunteer to bring back the Halloween recital.

Marketing and social media: A discussion arose about possibly increasing our presence to add an Instagram presence, and to connect with the Provincial ORMTA for these events, but a volunteer would be needed to fill this role, Paula Stellato has offered to assist.

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

Planning meeting: The calendar has been set for the next season, with further details coming into place over the course of the next months.

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

Next Executive Meeting: September 23, 2024 Exec meeting 10-11:30 and AGM 11:45 – 1pm

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