

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Executive Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2024 at 10:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Thuy Bach, Lisa Iwasaki, Sofia Peycheva, Barbara Prins, Rocco Signorile, Paula Stellato

Minutes: A summary of the Executive Meeting Minutes from June 25, 2024 were read. Lisa moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Rocco.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Report: Activities from June 26-Sept 24/24				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
GTA Zone entries, Mar 2/24	Nagi Fukahori (L8-9) to enter GTA Zone competitions	997	\$50.00	
GTA Zone entries, Mar 2/24	Teran Li (L10-ARCT) to enter GTA Zone Competitions	998	\$65.00	
Bank Fee, July 31/24	Maintenance Fee		\$2.50	
Bank Fee, Aug 30/24	Maintenance Fee		\$2.50	
Branch Levies, cheq 1317	Branch Levies collected on behalf of Provincial	1317		\$2,691.80
Sheri Spencer, etr Sept 23/24	Domain (annual fee via WordPress): \$29.38 and website hosting (annual fee, shared via Dreamhost): \$85, for Aug/23 -Aug/24	Etr	\$114.38	
Etransfer fee, Sept 23/24	Etransfer fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Operating Account: Closing Balance as of September 23/2024				\$7,528.16
Scholarship Account				
Bank Fee, June 28/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Bank Fee, June 28/24	3 items @ \$1.25		\$3.75	
Bank Fee, June 28/24	5 items @ \$1.25		\$6.25	
Bank Fee, July 31/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Bank Fee, Aug 30/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Oleg Calcines, etr Sept 24/24	Piano Prep A (3 rd place) to Nolan Calcines, from expired cheq 52 from May 2023 (B. Prins stud.)		\$45.00	
Etransfer fee, etr Sept 24/24	Etransfer Fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of September 24/2024				\$2,610.39

1. Confirmed clinicians booked for the year 2024-2025: thank you Lisa and Sofia for all the bookings! Only 1 more piano clinician needed for May 2025.
 - *December assessments: Vanessa Hsu on December 1/24
 - *March assessments for Piano on March 1-2/25: Anne Marie Page
 - *March assessments for Vocal on March 2/25: Denise Williams
 - Piano Masterclass on April 5-6/25: Andrea Boticelli
 - *May Branch competitions for Piano on May 24-25/25: TBA
 - *May Branch competitions for Vocal on May 25/25: Renée Salewski
 2. Memberships updated: 47 active members on our branch members list.
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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Branch Competition & Scholarships: Due to a number of uncashed scholarship cheques, teachers are asked to remind their students to cash their scholarship cheques in a timely manner. At a future meeting, we will discuss options for assigning cheques (i.e. using the family surname only).

In regards to budget constraints, several options were proposed for this year. Rocco suggested awarding medals and ribbons rather than monetary prizes, and that scholarships could be offered to a select number of performers selected by the adjudicators, and awarded at a gala concert or award ceremony. Sofia added that this is the method at several music festivals, and also mentioned that a best of class would also be something to consider. It was agreed that the executive will discuss and potentially revise scholarship amounts considering the limited funds, and decisions will be finalized at the October Executive Meeting regarding omitting 3rd place prizes and/or ties.

Assessments: They will send out contracts to the clinicians that have been confirmed for the year. Teachers are encouraged to help out at these events, and also ask their students to volunteer. An entry fee of \$25 for teachers who will not be volunteering at Assessments will be implemented again.

GTA Zone Competitions: Our branch will be hosting in 2026, along with Bolton, Brampton, and Caledon. If branches are unable to host, this event will need to be cancelled.

Hallowe'en Recital: Without sufficient time to prepare, and also due to the lack of volunteers, this fall it will be cancelled, hoping that in subsequent years it could be reinstated when volunteers are secured.

Piano Masterclass: This will be booked for two days in 2025.

Fun Afternoon/Winter Recital: In order to assist with fundraising, it would be helpful to find a teacher volunteer that could oversee this. Paula has kindly agreed to assist this year and familiarize herself with this event.

Roles of the Executive Team Members: The website will be updated to reflect the current team. THUY-Treasurer, LISA-Instrumental Adjudicator Liaison, SOFIA- Website Admin, Vocal Registrations & Vocal Assessments, Social Media, ROCCO- Instrumental Assessments, Masterclass & Branch Competition Coordinator. BARBARA-Secretary, PAULA-Branch Volunteer

Executive Team Positions to Fill: President, Vice President, Events Coordinator

Venues: The team discussed the cost of alternative locations for events, including those in Etobicoke to further represent our branch. Most rentals are considerably more expensive than Christ First Church, however, if ORMTA members have suggestions, please contact an executive member.

Branch Get Together: Sunday November 3, 2024 at 1:30 pm, at the Apricot Tree Cafe
<https://www.apricottreecafe.com> Kindly RSVP by replying to the invitation email by October 13th.

New Member: A warm welcome to our newest member Oksana Hahn!

Adjournment: They moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Barbara

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday October 22nd, 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87647649314?pwd=jwdhqWINJJ8PRhAtkRUC01FB4AIqju.1>
Meeting ID: 876 4764 9314
Passcode: 043076