

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting Minutes
 October 22, 2024 at 10:00am
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Thuy Bach, Sofia Peycheva, Barbara Prins, Rocco Signorelli, Paula Stellato

Minutes: A summary of the Executive Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2024 were read. Barbara moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Rocco.

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Report – Activities from Sept 25-Oct 22, 2024				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Bank fee, Sept 27/24	Maintenance fee		\$2.50	
Operating Account: Closing Balance as of October 22/24				\$7,455.66
Scholarship Account				
Bank Fee, Sept 27/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of October 22, 2024				\$2,312.89

1. Clinicians confirmed for the 2024-2025 year: (thank you Lisa & Sofia for all the bookings!)
 - *December assessments: Vanessa Hsu on December 8/24
 - *March assessments (Piano): Anne Marie Page on March 1-2/25
 - *March assessments (Vocal): Denise Williams on Sunday March 2/25
 - Piano Masterclass: Andrea Boticelli on April 5-6/25
 - *May Branch competitions (Piano): Hwa-Ing Arianne Ewing-Chow on May 24-25/25
 - *May Branch competitions (Vocal): Renée Salewski on May 25/25
2. Memberships updated: 47 active members on our branch members list. We should consider leaving out membership anniversary acknowledgements, due to lack of staff on the executive board.
3. There are still \$200 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Operating account (meaning the balance should be at \$7,255.66).
4. There are still \$1460.00 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Scholarship account (meaning the balance should be at \$852.90).
5. Scholarships should be edited for May 2025.
6. Reminder: Due date is October 25/24 for December 8th Assessments.
7. Confirming Lunch at Apricot Tree Cafe for 13 teachers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Branch Competition Scholarships:

All executive members voted and agreed to the following changes:

1. All classes with 10 or less performers will be scheduled into 1 class time with 1 set of scholarships awarded. Classes with 11 or more performers will be split into 2 classes.
2. Ties will no longer be given (except for rare circumstances) and adjudicator guidelines documents will be amended to reflect this.
3. All scholarship amounts were revised on October 22, 2024.
4. Participants and families will be reminded at Branch Competitions to cash scholarship cheques in a timely manner.
5. Amend rules to state that cheques need to be negotiated within a specific timeline, and if they expire, they will not be re-issued.

Assessments: They will adjust the rental agreement for December Assessments to reflect a shorter time allotted due to low registration.

Piano Masterclass: Clinician remuneration will remain the same for 2025.

Branch Get Together: Thirteen teachers have confirmed attendance for Sunday November 3, 2024 at 1:30 pm, at the Apricot Tree Cafe <https://www.apricottreecafe.com>.

Outreach & Membership Milestones: The provincial membership list has been updated and shared with the executive. Since there are just over 40 members, the executive discussed dividing the task of reaching out personally to members to encourage interaction and participation. Paula (our new Outreach Coordinator) volunteered to create a fall newsletter to inform our members of upcoming Branch events/news, and she will also email our AGM minutes.

Website & Social Media: The website & Facebook pages could use some updates which can be discussed at the November executive meeting.

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

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday November 19th, 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87647649314?pwd=jwdhqWINJJ8PRhAtkRUC01FB4AIqju.1>
Meeting ID: 876 4764 9314
Passcode: 043076