

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**  
 November 19, 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 October 22, 2024 were read. Barbara moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Sofia.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

<b>Treasurer Report – Activities from Oct 22-Nov 19/24</b>				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Lisa Iwasaki, e-transfer Oct 28/24	December assessments registrations fee	e-transfer		\$187.00
Barbara Prins, e-transfer Oct 29/24	December assessments registrations fee	e-transfer		\$253.00
<b>Operating Account: Closing Balance as of November 18/2024</b>				<b>\$7,835.66</b>
<b>Scholarship Account</b>				
Bank Fee, Oct 31/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
<b>Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of November 18/2024</b>				<b>\$1,870.39</b>

1. Clinicians booked for the 2024-2025 year: (thank you Lisa and 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. REMINDER: Fun Afternoon Recital registrations due on January 10/25
3. There are still \$200 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Operating account (meaning the balance should be at \$7,695.66).
4. There are still \$1075 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Scholarship account (meaning the balance should be at \$795.39).

5. Eleven teachers attended the lunch at Apricot Tree Café, on Nov 3/24.
6. Welcome to our new member: Sherry Chang (Piano)

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Branch Competition Scholarships:** Teachers are asked to remind students to cash any cheques from the May 2024 Branch Competitions as soon as possible. The executive agreed that all uncashed cheques will no longer be renewed.

**Assessments:** December Piano Assessments involve only 11 participants, so the event will run for two hours commencing at 2pm. Lisa and Barbara will be volunteering at the venue, and Lisa will arrange for student volunteers, print out the adjudicator's biography, and marking sheets. Rocco will forward the schedule once it is completed, and 2 hardcopies will be available for the adjudicator and for the welcome desk. Thuy will send out the contract to the piano adjudicator.

For March Vocal Assessments, Sofia proposed having vocal classes begin at 2pm, all agreed.

Lisa proposed having a mature student class for individuals seeking to gain performing experience and feedback, but not to qualify for Branch Competitions. The executive agreed this was an excellent idea and will revisit this in future meetings to implement for next year. The plan would be to have a mature student piano category solely for December Assessments due to typically lower enrollment, and a mature student voice category to be included with March Vocal Assessments.

**Fun Afternoon:** Once Thuy has gathered the registration information, she will email the executive with updates since our next meeting is so close to the event. A teacher's fee of \$25 for those not volunteering has been added back to the registration form.

**Outreach:** Paula has sent out an updated fall newsletter which includes a welcome to our new members, a photo of attendees at the Branch Lunch, and deadline reminders. A similar newsletter will go out after Christmas, reminding teachers of the Fun Afternoon deadline, and it may also include photos from the December Assessments.

**Website & Social Media:** Sofia has updated the website, archiving older files to the Branch google drive, and uploading current files such as Executive Meeting & AGM Meeting minutes for all to access.

**Adjournment:** Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Thuy.

**Next Executive Meeting:** Tuesday January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom  
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87647649314?pwd=jwdhqWINJJ8PRhAtkRUC01FB4AIqju.1>

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