

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting
October 21, 2019
Minutes

Welcome: Lynne welcomed those present.

Attendance: Lynne, Mimi, Lisa, Thuy, Virginia, and Carolyn

Regrets: Linda & Abigail

Minutes: Carolyn moved the acceptance of the September 16, 2019 Executive Meeting minutes as circulated, seconded by Mimi. Carried.

President's Update: Lynne reported:

I will be at the Provincial Council meeting this weekend and will present the idea of creating a promo video as a marketing tool for the Young Artist tour.

I will nominate Mimi Spencer and Thuy Bach for the OCTA award.

Mimi volunteered to update the 2016-17 Branch Policies/Procedures.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy reported:

Balances as of October 18, 2019: OA: \$18,894.29
October 4, 2019: SA: \$ 2,116.09

Are we paying a service fee on our GIC? Thuy will look into this.

1 new member: Ms. Fiona Dunbar (Piano)

Jen Smele: Lead Sheet Interpretation (September 30, 2019)

14 attendees
Received: \$285.00
Expenses: \$491.41
MINUS: -\$206.41

Halloween Recital (October 20, 2019):

Biggest turn-out ever: 10 teachers! It was a little over 2 hours long. Next year, if the attendance is this high, we should do it in 2 blocks of time. A \$25 gift card was given to Aimee for hosting.

Thuy moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Lynne. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Mimi reported:

Dr. Deep Ganguly: Instruments From Around The World (October 28, 2019):

I will email Deep to ask him his fee. I will contact the church to be sure that the big table is still in the Merigold Room. The Skype option was a “No”. Thuy will look into setting up e-transfer as an option for payment.

Mimi: Tea, coffee

Thuy: Cookies

Assessments:

Branch Competitions (May 30 & 31, 2020):

Lynne re-did the certificate. All approved. Scholarship labels sent to Thuy.

We need to keep an eye on Rule #5, as someone received a scholarship for the 3rd time in Level 10 singing:

Rule #5 - Entrants who win a scholarship cannot win a scholarship at the same level in future years, with the exception for the following, who are eligible to win twice:

- Singers - Level 9 & up
- Instrumentalists, other than Singers - Level 10 & up

December Assessment (December 1, 2018): The annual Branch Christmas dinner has been reserved for 6 PM at The Apricot Tree Cafe in Mississauga.

Piano Masterclass: Virginia reported:

Piano Ensembles Masterclass (March 28, 2020):

6 PM church opening: 6:30 PM start time. No specific end time.

1 piano

Intermediate – Advanced (No mention of a level. Let the teachers decide.)

Half an hour per entrant (\$50), with the option of bringing in 1 or 2 pieces.

We will pay both Lisa and Gregory: \$70/hr x 2 = \$140/hour

Media: Abigail emailed:

The Facebook ad campaign is running and I have created an event for Deep’s workshop. Please invite people.

Fundraising: No report:

Website: Mimi reported:

Sheri is happy to help Lisa take over.

Volunteers: Lisa reported:

I will reconnect with the current list of volunteers for the March Assessments and Branch Competitions. The start time will be 1:00 PM and the end time will be confirmed once entries are firmed up.

I will send the volunteer email to Lynne to put in the next newsletter.

I will communicate with Sandra to see if she wants to continue with the opening duties. We will likely need her in May.

I am considering putting Sign-up Genius or a Google Sign-up sheet on the website, possibly for March and May.

Young Artist Tour Concert: Lisa reported:

A promo video made by the Provincial council would be a great marketing tool.

Outreach: No report:

Christmas Branch Dinner (December 1, 2019):

Rogues restaurant

1900 Dundas Street West, Mississauga (same plaza as the Mississauga Steinway Piano Gallery)

6 PM

-following the December Assessments

Membership Certificates: Lisa reported:

I made up Larissa's certificate. I will mail hers and the others that didn't attend the ceremony.

Lynne will nominate Mimi Spencer and Thuy Bach for the OCTA award.

Adjournment: Virginia moved for adjournment.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday, January 20, 2020 at Thuy's studio.