

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Executive Meeting

February 10, 2020

Messenger Video Chat

Minutes

Welcome: Lynne welcomed those present.

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

Regrets: Abigail

Minutes: Carolyn moved the acceptance of the January 20, 2020 minutes as circulated; seconded by Lynne. Carried.

President's Update: Lynne reported:

1. New Banner: We need to decide what we want on it. We'll do a mock-up next meeting.
2. Thank you for agreeing to cover costs to attend the 2020 Convention (Sept 10-12) in Niagara Falls. I will need to stay at a hotel. Would the Branch be willing to cover half the cost?
 - o **Motion:** Carolyn moved to cover costs for Lynne's registration fee, plus half the cost of a 3 night hotel stay (half the hotel costs, a per diem for meals and mileage will be paid by council). Seconded by Virginia. All in favour.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy reported:

Balances as of February 10: OA \$20,810.32

February 10: SA \$ 2,466.09

Thuy moved the acceptance of her report; seconded by Lisa. Carried.

Committee Reports:

Workshops: Mimi reported:

ARCT Analysis Joe Show (August 17 - 19, 2020) I sent our 'Joe Show' AD to ORMTA Notes magazine.

I have completed the flyers for both 2020 Fall workshops.

1. Millar Piano Duo: Gregory Millar & Lisa Raposa: Piano In Pairs: Introducing Students Of All Levels To The Art of Playing Duets (September 28, 2020) 10 AM – 12 PM
2. Larissa Zoubareva: Teaching Students With Learning Challenges (October 26, 2020) 10 AM – 12 PM

Assessments: Virginia and Carolyn reported:

March Assessments (February 29 & March 1, 2020) The program is close to being finished.

Once completed, Virginia will send it out to the members to proofread. Lynne will send the final

schedule out to the membership, encouraging them to come and observe.

The vocal assessment entries were at an all-time low this year: 3 teachers and 4 students ONLY.

The new system of filling out a Zone/Provincial form for each student wishing to be considered for Zone/Provincial Competitions created a few challenges on the sending and processing side of things. As with all new systems, there is a learning curve, but overall it was a good first run.

Branch Competitions: No report

Masterclasses:

Musical Theatre (February 9, 2020) Virginia attended and said it was great! Very informative!

Piano Ensembles (March 28, 2020) and Piano Solos (March 29, 2020) Deadline to enter: March 1, 2020. **NEW: Online sign-up to book a specific timeslot to play!** Once the teacher's entry form and payment is sent in, teachers can now sign their students up online via our website. The sooner you get your entries and payments in, the more choice your students have as to when they would like to perform, as you will be signing up into a specific timeslot of their choosing. First come, first serve. Get entries in early!

Media: Abigail emailed:

I sent a blurb to Notes for the next edition. I love that people are posting on our Facebook page!

Fundraising: Thuy reported:

Fun Afternoon (January 26, 2020) **An unprecedented success!**

- 7 teachers submitted students: \$990
- Donations/Raffle Tickets: \$1000 (including \$470 raffle tickets alone)
- Expenses: \$534.14
- **Grand total raised minus expenses: \$1,455.86**

The audience filled all 23 long tables that were set-up. About 180 people attended.

One parent felt the program was too long and suggested each student should only perform 1 piece. One teacher wondered if we could do a Fun Afternoon Recital more than once a year because it was such fun!

Upon discussion, it was agreed that once a year is all that we can handle with all the other events happening over the year. As to the program being too long (it ran 30 minutes long from what is posted), we started 20 minutes late, so it was agreed that as long as we start on time, we will still be within the 3-hour window of the event.

Thank you to all the teachers and volunteers!

Website: Lisa reported:

Now that the provincial website is hosted by ClubExpress, we can get a website for free. I will look into this and will likely transition over to it this summer. There will be an online registration process, which would solve our current issues.

Young Artist: No report

Outreach: No report

Branch Dinner (Sunday, May 31, 2020): No report.

Membership Certificates: No report

Branch Policies/Procedures: Mimi will look over the revised Policies and Procedures to see if they are appropriate to consult about.

OCTA Nomination: Lynne reported:

Linda Gray would like to use her maiden name for the nomination: Linda Indovina. Linda was thrilled to be nominated! Virginia wrote a beautiful paragraph about Linda.

- **Motion:** Lynne moved to cover costs for Linda to attend the conference:
 - Registration fee
 - 3 night hotel stay
 - Meals
 - Mileage

Seconded by Lisa. All in favour.

Linda has agreed to be the delegate for our Branch.

Adjournment: Lynne moved for adjournment.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday, March 23, 2020 at Lynne's Home.