

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting

October 19, 2020

Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Welcome: Lynne welcomed those present.

Attendance: Abigail, Barbara, Lynne, Mimi, Thuy, Virginia

Regrets: Linda & Lisa

Minutes: Barbara moved the acceptance of the September 21, 2020 Executive Meeting minutes as circulated, seconded by Lynne. Carried.

President's Update: Lynne reported:

ORMTA Banner & Outdoor Sign This is being designed by Mimi, who proposed that a slogan contest would be a great way to involve our members. All were in agreement, and Mimi will forward a paragraph for the slogan contest to the Executive for final approval.

GTA Zone Branch Presidents' Meeting I will be attending the virtual meeting on October 23, 2020. If anyone has any questions/items for Zone discussion, please contact me as I will need to present these at the meeting.

GTA Zone Representatives Although only 1 of 3 representatives have been secured (Matthew Tam), there may be a new person accepting this position which hopefully will be confirmed Friday.

GTA Zone Competitions Each of the 9 GTA Zone branches must host during the 9 year rotation, and if another branch does NOT volunteer for the 2022 GTA Zone Competitions, than we will need to revisit which year we will volunteer (perhaps take the 2022 spot).

Branch Levies Thuy will pay these once correspondence has been received.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy reported:

<u>Balances</u> as of October 16, 2020:	Operating ACCT:	\$24,367.80
October 16, 2020:	Scholarship ACCT:	\$ 3,737.89

Hallowe'en Recital 5 students registered so far, from 3 teachers \$ 50.00

Learning Challenges Workshop 11 teachers registered so far \$220.00

The registration amounts do not include Karelo fees that need to be deducted. The fees collected will be reported as income after Karelo deposits into the account at the beginning of the month.

As discussed, I will contact Nancy Dale directly for information regarding fees for our 50 year member.

Regarding bank fees, I will ask if we can have e-transfer fees waived/non-profit discount as well as have all restrictions removed to facilitate payment both in and out of our account.

They moved the acceptance of her report, seconded by Virginia. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Mimi reported:

Learning Challenges Workshop (Monday, October 26, 2020) I will have Larissa Zoubareva submit her invoice, and also ask for her Zoom meeting information for us to forward to participants. Lisa and I will provide Larissa with the attendee list.

Dots & Beams Potential for a presentation in 2020-2021, perhaps to take place at our Branch Christmas Dinner which may be in-person or virtual.

ARCT Analysis Joe Show (August 17-19, 2020) The videos for this workshop are available for purchase indefinitely. Purchase details are on our website.

For our 2021 Fall Workshop, Catherine Willard would be an excellent clinician.

Abigail, Barbara, and I will discuss the need/possibility of having a Contemporary Music workshop (which could include pop styles and music theatre) as a second workshop for our 2021-2022 lineup. This may encourage enrollment for our 2022 Musical Theatre Masterclass, since the 2021 class was cancelled due to lack of interest.

Workshop fees All agreed to defer decision to increase fees to either our next meeting or early in 2021 as this will affect our 2021 fall workshops.

Hallowe'en Virtual Recital (October 25, 2020):

Currently only 5 students have registered, so the deadline has been extended to Tuesday October 20, 2020 giving teachers more time to gather media releases and register. Lynne will send out an updated email, and Abigail will post the new deadline on our Facebook page. The link is available for all branch members to access the recital and support the performers. All agreed.

Assessments: Virginia reported:

Contemporary Showcase/ORMTA Virtual Assessment (November 21 & 22, 2020)

As these will be conducted online, we will gain insight moving forward should assessments be online as well. We will be using "Jitsi Meet" for video conferencing and assess how it goes. Our piano adjudicator is Dimitra Marangozis and she may be a potential clinician in future.

Adjudication Sheets/Assessment Programmes Paige Reid, who has prepared these for us in the past is not able to continue as she has other commitments. Rocco Signorile will assume these duties for

Showcase/Assessments in November, and I will continue to arrange the programme and classes for assessments & recitals. Rocco would be a wonderful addition to our branch executive and I will ask him if he would consider this role. Lynne mentioned that Karelo will facilitate the making of the programme and printouts for future events.

December 2020 Assessments Due to Covid-19 uncertainty, Lynne moved to cancel this event as students would have opportunity to register in March 2020 Assessments. December Assessments are poorly attended, so I seconded the motion (Virginia). Voted-all in favour. Passed.

March 2021 Assessments All agreed to defer decision to have assessments conducted online. Barbara will consult with Carolyn for a vocal report or any updates in this division.

Branch Competitions (May 29 & 30, 2021)

All agreed to defer decision to increase scholarship amounts.

Masterclasses: Virginia reported:

Piano Solo Masterclass (March 28, 2021) Dr. Brett Kingsbury is booked and we will defer decision to conduct this in-person or online. All agreed.

Media: Abigail reported:

Most of the executive are administrators for our Facebook page. We will only post first names online after getting verbal consent from parents. I have posted the Joe Show ad and will be posting the extended deadline for the Hallowe'en recital.

Fundraising: A decision to cancel the Fun Afternoon Recital was agreed to by all. Passed.

Website: Lisa emailed (read by Lynne):

The website is up-to-date. A button has been created on the homepage that will allow visitors to find the poster regarding the Joe Show recordings.

Digital Registrations Online registration is now live for the Masterclass - Piano Solos.

Online registration for both the December and February/March Assessments is nearly set-up. I have been working hard on this with Karelo and anticipate registration forms will be available before the end of this week. We will be testing the forms before they go live.

YouTube Unless anyone has a reason to use it, I will cancel the "ad-free" Premium YouTube service (\$11.99/mo.) after the online Hallowe'en Recital. We will owe for only 1 mo. (or possibly 2).

Thuy, I will send a copy of the bill to you. I suggest keeping the free version of the channel as space in which we can continue to promote events via video.

Young Artist: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Branch Christmas Dinner: All agreed to defer decision re. in-person/online until next meeting.

Membership Certificates: Lisa emailed (read by Lynne):

The membership certificates have been sealed into envelopes and will be mailed this afternoon. I was asked to follow up with members to confirm addresses. However, I have not had time to do this and will instead call recipients before our next meeting to ensure they have gotten their certificates.

Branch Policies/Procedure: Lynne reported:

I have submitted these to council. Thank you to everyone who worked on this.

OCTA Nomination: Lynne reported:

I will be submitting Mimi's nomination by April 15, 2021.

Adjournment: Lynne moved for adjournment.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday November 16, 2020 via Zoom