

# ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

## Executive Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2020 at 10:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Welcome:** Lynne welcomed those present.

**Attendance:** Abigail, Barbara, Linda, Lisa, Lynne, Mimi, Rocco, Thuy, Virginia

**Minutes:** Barbara moved the acceptance of the October 19, 2020 Executive Meeting minutes as circulated, seconded by Lisa. Carried.

**President's Update:** Lynne reported:

ORMTA Banner & Outdoor Sign The branch resources on ORMTA.org may have templates for banners since the council has recently designed a new one. Certificate templates and the ORMTA logo are available on the site for ideas for our new banner. It would be good to connect with either Carolynne Davy or Laura Gray for pricing and companies they have used. I will send an email about the slogan contest to all members and request that any entries be forwarded to Mimi.

GTA Zone Branch Presidents' Meeting (October 23, 2020) I attended this virtual meeting and am waiting for minutes to be forwarded with more specifics to share.

GTA Zone Competitions Concerns were raised regarding the integrity of virtual performances due to discrepancies in location and the variety of instruments used. For in-person competitions, a proposal to rent a location and have students book performance times was presented. It is still uncertain if these will be in person or online. We deferred the decision regarding when our branch should host.

March 2021 Assessments Rather than cancel future events, we should consider holding these in person provided that government protocols and safety procedures are followed. We may need to limit class size, restrict the number of people allowed to observe, and adjust class times to sanitize between classes. We can defer this decision to a later date. All agreed.

Branch Levy 2020-2021 This has been paid.

CMFTA is hosting a Q & A with the RCM on December 7, 2020 which I will be attending, so please forward any questions you may have.

**Treasurer's Report:** Thuy reported:

Balances as of November 16, 2020: Operating ACCT: \$24,379.32  
November 16, 2020: Scholarship ACCT: \$ 3,735.39

Specific expenses are included in the attached monthly financial report.

Now that we are using Karelo and services fees are taken out before credit amounts are transferred,

it will be more efficient to summarize total amounts collected for workshops/events annually (AGM) and deduct Karelo service fees for the year (AGM).

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:

A sample clinician's contract has been forwarded to us, and after modifying it, I will forward it to the executive for final approval. Clinicians are requested to submit a short biography for us to use as their introduction at future workshops.

Clinician Fees Lynne moved to have a 2-2.5 hour workshop fee be \$350.00 Voted-all in favour. Passed.

2020 Fall Workshops Lynne moved to have the Millar Piano Duo workshop fee increased to correspond to fees for the Zoubareva workshop. All voted in favour. Passed.

2021 Fall Workshops For our workshop tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2021, Barbara will be contacting Donna Garner to ask if she would consider conducting a Broadway/Contemporary music workshop where she addresses both pianistic and vocal skills/interpretation.

I spoke with Catherine Willard and she would be delighted to be one of our clinicians. I hope to book her for October 25, 2021 (tentative date). Catherine proposed the topic of teaching improvisation to students who already read music, and to encourage off-the-page music skills in our teaching.

Dots & Beams I will see if Nathan Petitpas would be available on November 29, 2020 at 4pm for a virtual presentation.

Workshop Fees These will remain the same as previous years.

Workshop videos may be made available after an event at the clinician's discretion and this will not be handled by the branch.

**Assessments:** Virginia reported:

Adjudicator Fees Lynne moved that an adjudicator would be paid either \$70 per hour, or a 2 hour minimum of \$140. If less than 2 hours of registrations are received then the section will be cancelled. All voted in favour. Passed.

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

These will be conducted online, and classes have been restricted to 6 performers. Rocco confirmed that Zoom will be used, since registrants and the adjudicators are already familiar with this platform.

March 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Assessments All agreed to defer decision to have assessments conducted online or in-person.

For Assessments and Competitions, Lynne suggested that especially for Zone consideration (grade 8 and above) the classes should be conducted in person if possible, however, in junior classes, these could be conducted online. Lynne moved to have 3 potential scenarios: 1) all online 2) a hybrid of juniors (beginners to level 7) being online and intermediate/advanced levels would be in-person by booking time slots at a venue 3) all in-person if permitted. All agreed. The Steinway Gallery in Mississauga might be an option for in person performances at the higher levels and Linda will gather information for March assessments. Barbara contacted Carolyn who had nothing new to report regarding vocal assessments.

Branch Competitions (May 29 & 30, 2021) Current scholarship amounts will be forwarded to the executive for review and a decision will be made to either keep the current amounts or amend them.

**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:

I will give Alexandra Matthews (ORMTA's communications coordinator) a list of all our events for the year to be put on the provincial website which can then be posted to ORMTA's main FB page.

**Fundraising:** No report.

**Website:** Lisa reported:

The website now has a new sub-page "Meet the Executive" which includes photos and biographies. Please send me your photo/business logo, a bio of 100 words or less, and if interested, I can also attach links to your business. Rocco is now listed as our Assessments Assistant on the website.

Digital Registrations The form for assessments is completed and I will send the link on how to get into the website, so everyone can test it out and I will correct any errors before it goes live. Since teachers will be registering their students for events, they will be responsible for collecting media waivers for each participant and log it digitally.

**Branch Christmas Dinner:** Due to Covid protocols, rather than meeting in person, all agreed to a Christmas Zoom meeting with a Dots & Beams presentation on November 29, 2020 at 4pm.

**Young Artist:** No report.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Membership Certificates:** No report.

**Branch Policies/Procedures:** No report.

**OCTA Nomination:** Lynne reported:

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

**Hallowe'en Recital:**

Lynne thanked Lisa and Rocco for their enthusiasm, and effort which resulted in a fantastic event.

**Future Executive:** In September 2021 our branch positions of President and Vice-President will need to be filled. Please forward any ideas for recruitment.

**Adjournment:** Virginia moved for adjournment. Seconded by Linda.

**Next meeting:** Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday January 18, 2021 via Zoom