

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2021 at 10:00am
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Lynne welcomed those present.

Attendance: Barbara, Carolyn, Lisa, Lynne, Mimi, Rocco, Thuy, Virginia

Regrets: Abigail & Linda

Minutes: Barbara moved the acceptance of the November 16, 2020 Executive Meeting Minutes as read & circulated, seconded by Lisa. Carried.

President's Update: Lynne reported:

GTA Zone Branch Presidents' Meeting (December 4, 2020) Our branch has committed to hosting the 2022 Zone Competitions. A decision was made to hold the 2021 Zone Competitions online with revised rules including the use of acoustic pianos only, submitting PDFs of repertoire as requested by the adjudicator, and filming one continuous video taken a maximum of 6 months prior to the event. Recording guidelines for video/audio criteria were reviewed and this information is available on the GTA Zone website.

CFMTA Q & A with RCM Representatives (December 7, 2020) I will be sending the membership a YouTube link to the session video of Elaine Rusk & Janet Lopinski addressing comments/concerns.

Treasurer's Report: Thuy reported:

<u>Balances</u> as of January 18, 2021:	Operating ACCT:	\$23,818.62
January 18, 2021:	Scholarship ACCT:	\$ 3,700.39

Specific expenses are included in the attached monthly financial report. Our account now has all restrictions removed for E-Transfer transactions. I will ask if there is a discount on fees for non-profits, and moving forward, our branch will absorb the \$1.50 fee per E-Transfer transaction. All attending agreed.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Mimi reported:

Clinician's Contract I will be updating this and forward it to the executive for review.

2021 Fall Workshops Donna Garner has been contacted and she is interested in being our clinician

on September 27, 2021. The workshop will focus on Broadway/Contemporary music and Donna will address both pianistic and vocal skills/interpretation.

Flyers I will prepare these for both workshops, along with the Joe Show ad (deadline Feb. 1/21).

ORMTA Banner & Outdoor Sign I will send Lynne the slogan contest flyer and she will distribute it to all members, and they can send their entries to me directly. The flyer should be posted on Facebook, our branch website, and the provincial site (Lynne suggested speaking with Alessandra for uploading information).

Assessments: Virginia & Rocco reported:

Contemporary Showcase 2020 The ORMTA fees portion of entries will be sent to Thuy.

March 6-7, 2021 Assessments Lynne suggested making the assessments virtual, and after reviewing options/details, the following proposal was voted on: having assessment performances pre-recorded and presented live to the adjudicator and classmates on Zoom. All voted in favour. Passed.
Registration Deadline: February 13, 2021 Video Submission Deadline: February 27, 2021

Although videos will be pre-recorded for all levels, the adjudicator will be assessing performances solely during class time, and relay their insights directly to all students in attendance. Teachers can later distribute the adjudicator's written evaluations to their own students once they are prepared. For vocal classes, accompaniments will also need to be pre-recorded. In grades 8 and up, if a student is performing more than 1 selection, their pieces/songs must be recorded in one continuous take.

Volunteers for assessments are required. Currently, Lynne and Barbara can assist with Saturday classes (piano), and Rocco, Thuy, Lisa, and Carolyn can volunteer on Sunday (piano & vocal classes). A volunteer host information session will be held on Monday March 1, 2021 at 10:00am

Two Zoom meeting rooms will be needed to hold both instrumental and vocal classes simultaneously. Piano classes will be set up with Rocco's Zoom subscription, and Carolyn's subscription will be used for vocal classes.

Adjudicators' printed biographies will be shared onscreen at the start of classes. Lynne will contact Joe Ferretti (instrumental) for his biography, and Carolyn will ask Amanda Kind (vocal) for hers.

Entry fees and teacher's fees will remain the same. Since the adjudicator will not be travelling, mileage will not be covered, however, a lunch stipend will be added to the adjudicator's fee.

Programmes will be prepared by Virginia, Rocco, Carolyn, and Barbara.

Branch Competitions (May 29 & 30, 2021) All voted to conduct this event online. Passed.

Piano Solo Masterclass (March 28, 2021) All voted to conduct this event online. Passed.

Media: No report.

Fundraising: No report.

Website: Lisa reported:

Decisions made regarding assessments will be reflected and updated on our website and I am working on a short instructional video to help teachers with registration. I will send a link for the executive to view and then share it publicly via the branch YouTube Channel.

Please email your biographies (100 words or less) & a photo/business logo for the “Meet the Executive” subpage of the website.

Young Artist: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Membership Certificates: No report.

Branch Policies/Procedures: No report.

OCTA Nomination: No report.

Branch Year-End Dinner & Meeting: All voted to conduct the meeting online and to cancel the dinner. Passed.

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

Adjournment: Barbara moved for adjournment. Seconded by Carolyn.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday February 8, 2021 via Zoom