

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch

Executive Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2021 at 10:00am

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Lynne welcomed those present.

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

Regrets: Abigail, & Thuy

Minutes: Barbara moved the acceptance of the January 18, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes as read & circulated, seconded by Lynne, carried.

President's Update: Lynne reported:

Assessments I have not yet heard from any teachers requesting their student's use of a digital piano for March assessments, however, we can consider non-acoustic instruments for non-Zone entrants at the senior level. We can defer to vote on this if/when this situation arises. We are waiting on the provincial application forms which may be available by February 15, 2021.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara reported in Thuy's absence:

<u>Balances</u> as of February 8, 2021:	Operating ACCT:	\$23,973.20
February 8, 2021:	Scholarship ACCT:	\$ 3,697.89

Please remind all teachers and parents that any scholarship donation of \$20 or more will receive an official tax receipt. Teachers can print off receipts for paid registrations in Karelo anytime from their website.

March assessments: please keep me updated in order to process adjudicators' e-transfer payments.

Bank fees: \$1.50 per e-transfer is confirmed and the \$2.50 monthly account fee will be waived with a minimum balance of \$5000.00.

Nancy Dale, the provincial treasurer requests decisions by March 16, 2021 on the following:
Will our branch decide to accept or decline the provincial courtesy offer to collect the 2021-2022 branch levy on our behalf? If this collection offer is accepted, send confirmation of the amount and indicate if all members pay the levy or if there are exceptions/exemptions etc.

All voted in favour of continuing to have branch levies collected by the provincial branch, keeping amounts the same, and informing them of any exceptions as in the past. Passed.

Barbara moved the acceptance of Thuy's report, seconded by Linda, carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Workshops: Mimi reported:

Flyers The Joe Show ad was sent in to the Notes magazine, and it will be published in two issues. I have a mock-up of the October workshop flyer ready to forward to the executive.

2021 Fall Workshops I will contact Donna Garner to confirm that she will be our clinician for our September workshop, and also ask for her bio, photos, and see if she has ideas for the workshop flyer.

Clinician's Contract This needs some updating and I will forward it to the executive for review.

Slogan Contest Lynne will clarify the amounts/prizes, and then the contest announcement can be forwarded to membership.

Assessments: Virginia & Rocco reported:

Registrations Everything is ready on our site, and the instructional video is posted as well. Teachers will need to send Rocco their students' YouTube links.

Adjudication sheets will be forwarded to the adjudicators who will then be able to review the selections that are being performed. The adjudicators can then request copies of music that they feel they need. Lisa to forward excel spreadsheet of registrations to adjudicators after Feb 13

Rocco and I will be doing the timing and once edited, the programme will be sent to teachers and the adjudicators. Adjudicators will be paid \$70 per hour or a 2 hour minimum of \$140.

Volunteer Session (March 1, 2021-10:00am) Rocco will be guiding volunteers on hosting the assessments online.

Zoom Account Rather than members of the executive using their personal accounts, all voted to purchase a branch account for events which Lynne will set up. Passed.

Branch Competitions (May 29 & 30, 2021) These will follow the same format as assessments.

Piano Solo Masterclass (March 28, 2021) All voted to conduct this event online with live performances on acoustic/digital pianos rather than submit pre-recorded videos. Passed. All registrants/auditors will be sent a link (different from the assessments link). All auditors must register online by the deadline.

Website: Lisa reported:

The website will be updated to reflect the decision to go with live performances for the piano masterclass.

There is a distribution list sent out to the assessment team to see registrations as they are posted. Karelo registrations can be modified after the fact until Feb 13.

Since provincial forms are not yet posted, teachers should go ahead and submit assessment applications. Once the provincial forms are available, I will contact any teacher who has enrolled students in provincial classes and have them fill out the applications. After the assessments and decisions are made as to who moves forward, I will send the completed and signed forms to Thuy.

The video/media release form that is on our branch site is for assessments. For students moving on to Zone/Provincials, they will be required to have release forms signed for those competitions.

The Branch Competition's online registration is almost ready however I will only make it live after assessments are over.

Media: No report.

Fundraising: No report.

Young Artist: No report.

Outreach: No report.

Membership Certificates: No report.

Branch Policies/Procedures: No report.

OCTA Nomination: No report.

Branch Year-End Meeting: Joe Ringhofer is delighted to be our speaker.

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 Virginia.

Next meeting: Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday March 22, 2021 via Zoom