

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch  
**Executive Meeting Minutes**  
March 22, 2021 at 10:00am  
Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Welcome:** Lynne welcomed those present.

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

**Regrets:** none!

**Minutes:** Barbara moved the acceptance of the February 8, 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes as read & circulated, seconded by Lynne, carried.

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

An exciting opportunity forwarded from Matthew Tam, the GTA Zone Rep

From: **Kaiwen Xia** <[kxia2023@meds.uwo.ca](mailto:kxia2023@meds.uwo.ca)>

Date: Wed, Mar 10, 2021 at 12:06 PM

Subject: Looking for volunteers for our performance initiative

Hope you're doing well! My name is Kai, and I'm part of the Creative Connection executive team, working in the GTA region. Our group runs virtual, volunteer-based gig opportunities for healthcare institutions across Canada. I was wondering if members ORMTA would potentially be interested in joining our performances, or if you could direct me to anyone that could help promote our initiative?

Creative Connection, previously known as "COVID Performers" was started in May 2020 to connect student volunteers with residents of healthcare institutions and provide virtual live performances/activities on a 1-on-1 or small group concert-style basis over video call. The goal of this initiative is to help combat social isolation among patients as a result of the distancing restrictions of the pandemic. We are currently running this program with 15+ healthcare institutions across Toronto, Ottawa, Calgary, Vancouver, London, Windsor, and many more are on our waiting list. Since May 2020, volunteers have performed for over 750 residents at healthcare institutions across Canada.

If this sounds good, I would be happy to provide more information about this program. You could also check out our website here:

[Creative Connection \(creative-connection.ca\)](http://creative-connection.ca)

Kind regards,

**Kaiwen Xia, BSc**

MD Candidate

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

<u>Balances</u> as of	March 22, 2021:	Operating ACCT:	\$25,123.15
	March 22, 2021:	Scholarship ACCT:	\$3,795.39

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.

From now on, the teachers registered for our workshops can print out the receipts right after paying through the Karelo link. The teachers will need to create an account with Karelo, in order to log back in anytime, to see past payments... and print out whatever receipts paid.

Statement of Investment Income: Year 2020: interest received is \$58.79  
Thuy will find out the value of the GIC from the bank

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Workshops:** Mimi reported:

2021 Fall Workshops: I contacted Donna Garner, clinician for our September workshop and she had questions, most of which I could answer. I wish to confirm fee per hour (Thuy will confirm) and whether we pay HST (no). 10:00 to noon. I will forward flyer to the executive for approval.

October Workshop – Catherine Willard's workshop. I will forward flyer to executive for approval.

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

Suggestion: Keep all documents in a central location.

Banner Slogan Contest: No responses as of yet. Lynne will again include contest info in next president's newsletter with president email.

**Assessments:**

Fee discussion: Executive agreed to change the fees to the following:

Level 8 (separated out from Level 7): 1 piece: \$29; 2 pieces: \$43

This will put Level 8 (2 pieces) fee the same as Zone Intermediate Level class

Karelo will have to be updated (Lisa)

Fee schedule form will have to be updated (Lynne)

Marks will be forwarded to teachers who submitted students. (Lynne)

Wendy Potter – has been asked to adjudicate in March 2022

**Branch Competitions (May 29 & 30, 2021):** deadline is May 8

Scholarship Amounts: Do we wish to increase these? It was agreed to defer this discussion to May meeting.

Qualifications: List of students who qualified will be compiled by Lynne (Contemporary Showcase numbers forwarded by Rocco/Virginia/Linda)

Media Release Forms: It was agreed to discontinue these.

Mark qualification for Branch Competitions: Discussion: Should we lower it to 80%. No.

Etudes: it was agreed that these can be played in Assessments and Branch Competitions

Format: Discussion: Would the Branch Competitions follow the same format as Assessments or conduct this event online with live performances on acoustic/digital pianos rather than submit pre-recorded videos? All voted to hold live performances: 5 yea and 4 nay. Passed by majority.

Deadline: leave it to May 8

For those students preparing for exam this spring they can play piece from same level.

What format to give out scholarships: They will e-transfer the scholarships to the teachers – teachers to forward scholarships to the student.

For those moving on to Zones: application forms go to Thuy and Thuy will forward those to the GTA Zone with fee. The videos will be submitted by teacher/student to GTA Zone as follows: upload your recording to YouTube as an unlisted video and send the Youtube link by email to: [gtazone@ormta.org](mailto:gtazone@ormta.org).

### **Piano Solo Masterclass (March 28, 2021)**

Lynne thanked Lisa for taking in the registrations and creating the program with Virginia's and Rocco's input.

Biggest masterclass ever: 14 students!

Lynne will forward program to membership to encourage auditors. Lisa will extend the Karelo registrations.

**Media:** No report.

**Fundraising:** No report.

**Website:** Lisa reported:

The website will be updated to reflect the decision to go with live performances for the branch competitions. The media release waiver will be removed. Then the online registrations will go live.

**Outreach:** No report.

**Branch Year-End Meeting:** Lynne emailed Joe to ask for a blurb to forward to the membership. Postpone further discussion of this event until May meeting.

**OCTA Nomination:** Mimi to get bio/photos to Lynne to submit by April 15 to province.

**Young Artist:** No report.

**Membership Certificates:** No report.

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

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

**Adjournment:** Lisa moved for adjournment. Seconded by Thuy.

**Next meeting:** Executive Meeting 10:00 AM – Monday May 17, 2021 via Zoom