

ORMTA Etobicoke – Mississauga Branch
Executive Meeting Minutes
 January 28, 2025 at 10:00am
 Virtual Zoom Meeting

Welcome: Thuy welcomed those present

Attendance: Thuy Bach, Lisa Iwasaki, Sofia Psycheva, Barbara Prins, Rocco Signorile

Minutes: The Executive Meeting Minutes from November 19, 2024 were shared and a summary read. Barbara moved to have the minutes accepted, seconded by Sofia.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Report – Activities from Nov 20/24-Jan 27/25				
Payee/Recipient	Operating Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Dec 10/24	December assessments copies at Staples	Etr	\$10.12	
Bank fee, etr Dec 10/24	Etransfer fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Vanessa Hsu, etr Dec 10/24	December assessments adjudicator fee for 2 hrs & mileage of 122km	Etr	\$239.30	
	Etransfer fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Christ First Church, etr Dec 10/24	December assessments church rental	Etr	\$185.00	
Bank fee, etr Dec 10/24	Etransfer fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Dec 9/24	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally	Etr		\$200.00
To Scholarship account, etr Dec 10/24	Transferred to Scholarship account, from Lisa Iwasaki's donation	Etr	\$200.00	
Cash donations @ December assessments	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally, with 2 receipts to be issued to 2 parents D. Rebello (\$30) & P. Quijano (\$40)	Etr		\$115.00
To Scholarship account, etr Dec 10/24	Transferred to Scholarship account, from Cash donation jar on Dec 8/24 assessments	Etr	\$115.00	
Chung Kim Duong, etr Dec 16/24	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally	Etr		\$200.00
Sandra Pisani, etr Dec 31/24	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally	Etr		\$50.00
Thuy Vi Bach, etr Dec 31/24	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally	Etr		\$500.00
To Scholarship account, etr Jan 27/25	Donation to Scholarship account, deposited to Operating account originally, with 3 receipts to be issued: donor Chung Duong (\$200), teacher Sandra Pisani (\$50), & teacher Thuy Vi Bach (\$500)	Etr	\$750.00	

Alexandra Weiss, etr Jan 7/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 5 students	Etr		\$110.00
Paula Stellato, etr Jan 9/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 1 student	Etr		\$50.00
Deep Ganguly, etr Jan 9/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 1 student	Etr		\$25.00
Halina Panasiewicz, etr Jan 9/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 5 students	Etr		\$90.00
Sandra Pisani, etr Jan 10/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 1 student	Etr		\$25.00
Deep Ganguly, etr Jan 10/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 1 student	Etr		\$25.00
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Sofia Peycheva, etr Jan 13/25	Fun Afternoon Registration, 13 students	Etr		\$240.00
Thuy Vi Bach, etr Jan 28/25	Fun Afternoon Registrations, 3 students	Etr		\$40.00
Deep Ganguly, etr Jan 20/25	Mixed up in paying for Fun Afternoon, extra pay for 1 student	Etr		\$25.00
Deep Ganguly, etr Jan 28/25	Refund to teacher Deep Ganguly for extra pay for 1 student for Fun Afternoon Recital	Etr	\$25.00	
Bank fee, etr Jan 28/25	Etransfer fee	Etr	\$1.50	
Rocco Signorile, etr Jan 21/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 5 entries: 4 Intermediate Zones (\$240) & 1 level 6 w/2 pieces (\$47)	Etr		\$287.00
Irina Semenova, etr Jan 22/25	March 2025 assessments registrations,	Etr		\$111.00
Lita Zagala, etr Jan 24/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 14 entries plus teacher fee	Etr		\$656.00
Lisa Raposa, etr Jan 24/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 2 entries, each 1 piece for Level 9	Etr		\$88.00
Sofia Peycheva, etr Jan 24/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 20 entries	Etr		\$726.00
Rocco Signorile, etr Jan 27/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 1 Intermediate Zone (\$60)	Etr		\$60.00
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Jan 27/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 9 entries plus 2 Intermediate Zones	Etr		\$460.00
Jin Sung Kim (Winston), etr Jan 27/25	March 2025 assessments registrations,	Etr		\$1,067.00
Thuy Vi Bach, etr Jan 28/25	March 2025 assessments registrations, 13 entries	Etr		\$478.00
Operating Account: Closing Balance as of January 27/2025				\$11,958.24

Payee/Recipient	Scholarship Account	Cheq #	Debit	Credit
Bank Fee, Nov 30/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Lisa Iwasaki, etr Dec 9/24	Transferred from Operating account to Scholarship account, donation from Lisa Iwasaki	Etr		\$200.00
December assessments cash donation, etr Dec 9/24	Transferred from Operating account to Scholarship account, donation from cash jar, with 2 receipts to be filed	Etr		\$115.00
Bank Fee, Dec 31/24	Bank Fee		\$2.50	
Donations transferred fr Operating account	Transferred from Operating account to Scholarship account, donation fr donor C.K. Duong (\$200), teacher S. Pisani (\$50), and teacher T.V. Bach (\$500)	Etr		\$750.00
Scholarship Account: Closing Balance as of January 27/2025				\$2,820.39

- Clinicians confirmed 2024-2025 year: (thank you Lisa and Sofia for all the bookings!)
 - *December assessments: Vanessa Hsu on December 8/24 (done)
 - *March assessments (Piano): Anne Marie Page on March 1-2/25
 - *March assessments (Vocal): Denise Williams on March 2/25 @ 2:15-6pm
 - Piano Masterclass: Andrea Boticelli on April 5-6/25
 - *May Branch competitions (Piano): Hwa-Ing Arianne Ewing-Chow on May 24-25/25
 - *May Branch competitions (Vocal): Renée Salewski on May 25/25
- REMINDER: Fun Afternoon Recital on Feb 2/25 will be @ 2:30-4:30pm
- There are still \$140 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Operating account (meaning balance should be at \$11,818.24).
- There are still \$965 scholarship cheques not cashed yet from Scholarship account (meaning balance should be at \$1,855.39).
- December 2024 Assessments:** Received from 2 teachers (B. Prins & L. Iwasaki): \$440
Expenses: Adjudicator fee: \$240.80; Church rental: \$186.50; Photocopies: \$11.62=Net: \$1.08

Treasurer's Report accepted as presented, seconded by Lisa.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fun Afternoon: Volunteers are needed for this event. Sofia will handle raffle tickets, and Thuy will buy items for the set up such as tablecloths and decorations. In future, Thuy will add a line to the registration form for teachers to indicate their attendance, and how many people in total would be coming.

A request to advertise at this event was made by an ORMTA teacher, and the executive decided that studio promotion would not be something our Branch would consider at this time. Neither teachers nor adjudicators/clinicians will be allowed to promote their teaching and/or materials at any Branch event.

Assessments: Thuy will send formal contracts to our March Assessment adjudicators.

Since the Provincial branch no longer has a minimum time limit policy for certain Zone categories (i.e. Level 8 Piano), Branch Assessment Rules will need to be updated to reflect changes. Rocco suggests to remove any reference to time limits from the Assessments Fees document, and that it should direct registrants to solely consult the Provincial Rules.

For December Assessments, the adjudicator gave a few participants marks that were too close to the qualifying mark of 84%. The Executive agreed that in future, a mark of 83% is to be strictly avoided. The Adjudicator Duties & Guidelines document has been updated to reflect this. A hard copy will be made available to adjudicators at Assessments and they are to be reminded of this policy as well.

A mature performers class will be added to December Assessments, and based on December 2025 registration, the executive will determine if December Assessments are financially viable in future years.

For Assessment time limits for Vocal registrants, the current limits are not ideal and all agreed to adjust time allotments at the June planning meeting.

The Executive will ensure that a Land Acknowledgement will be printed in events programmes.

Branch Competition Scholarships: All non-negotiated 2024 scholarships will not be renewed. For 2025 Competitions, an announcement will be made to remind recipients to cash cheques immediately following the competition in order to avoid cheques becoming stale dated and no longer cashable. The Adjudicator Duties & Guidelines document for Branch Competitions was also revised.

GTA Zone Competitions: Lisa will reach out to Koichi Inoue, President of the Bolton-Brampton-Caledon branch, as his branch will be co-hosting the 2026 GTA Zone Competitions with our branch. Lisa will also reach out to Lynne Oliver to ask for advice and assistance.

Outreach: A recommendation to reach current teachers digitally through contact information on the Provincial site and also those in our region from the RCM site was made. Currently, a significant portion of our Branch Membership is not participating in events, therefore, marking and recruitment is necessary to encourage new participation. At our next Executive Meeting, a promotional letter will be drafted which can then be forwarded to potential participants. Sofia will reach out to the Peel Music Festival to ask about advertising fees for their festival's programme this year.

Workshops: The executive discussed the possibility of bringing these back, based on volunteer help, to encourage others to join our Branch. One Fall workshop is suggested, perhaps at Steinway Gallery, or online, to keep costs down. This will be discussing during the June planning meeting.

Website & Social Media: Sofia has added photos of the December Assessments to our FaceBook page.

Adjournment: Barbara moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Rocco.

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday February 18th, 2025 at 10:00am - 11:30am on Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87647649314?pwd=jwdhqWINJJ8PRhAtkRUC01FB4Alqju.1>
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