

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on January 9 at Music and Arts in Sterling. Members present included Sandy Baker, Greg Genter, Lory D. Gustafson, Suzanne Sorensen, Judith Marcinko, Kaen Pino, Diane Kimble, Felicia Crawley, Jane Webb, Sandy Isaacs, Silvia McPherson, Gretel Von Pischke, Nancy Plourde, Sherri Stricker, Lydia Kriso, Debra Gunnerson, Kay Willett, Jeri Bennett, Phyllis Vickers, Claudia Libero, Shohreh J. Ghajar, Maria Baylock, Nora Hamerman, Lena Afanaseva, Sharon Reck, Amy Work, Maria Bokel, Beverly Teague, and Libby McConnell.

November minutes were read and approved.

Sandy Baker reported we have \$22,907.94 in our account. We have had four new members join since November. Ensemble fees and recital fees for Dulles Town Center were deposited. Expenses included the contribution to Music Link of \$2,000. We will be in the Music Link newsletter. Flags for the ensemble festival were purchased. A gift of \$50 was sent to Kathleen Morgan for the birth of her new child, and two \$15 gift cards were given to Brad Prentice of Jordan Kitts and Dan Cook, the manager of the Dulles Town Center. Insurance was paid \$450 for the year. Our LLC was reinstated. Postage and delivery expenses were minimal. Sharon asked what the insurance covers. Sandy will bring the paperwork to the February meeting to determine what the liability insurance actually covers.

Sandy reported on the Dulles Holiday Recital. Around 17 teachers participated over a three-day period. Both Brad Prentice and Dan Cook were nice to work with. There were pictures made for the Music Link newsletter. With the \$400 left in receipts from student registration fees, Sandy suggested we could purchase the CD recording device used at the recital. Up to now, FLMF has been allowed to use one from Jordan Kitts for no cost. The machine is currently at Sandy's home. Members recommended that we purchase a newer version of the device; Felicia will look into what the current version can do and will cost. Sandy will ask if we can just keep the one she has at no charge. Suggestions for future recitals include having a monitor there during the day for when Sandy Baker or Amy Work can't be there. Examples of glitches included missing chairs, competing performers in the area, and sun in performers' faces. Thanks to Sandy and to Amy for the work they did to make this recital happen.

Jeri Bennett reported that we have a new member: Nancy Plourde, a founding member of FLMF, is back in Reston. She will be looking for students soon. She was our first IT person, creating the handbook, and the inspiration for the ensemble festival.

Debra Gunnerson reported that the RCC recital will be May 19, which conflicts with the NVMTA Sonata Festival. There will be three recitals: 1:30, 3:00, and 4:30. Checks should come from the teacher. Everything should be memorized except for chamber music. Dates need to be changed on the website.

Gretel Von Pischke will host the annual soiree on March 16 at 7 pm. Guests and spouses are invited. Please bring a main dish or two small side dishes along with music to perform.

Ensemble festival: Amy Work and Maria Bokel reported that the sectional rehearsals are February 2 at The Piano Company. The concert venue is Tuscarora High for both the concert (2/23) and snow dates (3/3). Some groups need additional duet teams. Group 2 and 3 have one spot open. Groups 5 and 6 have one spot open. Group 11 has one spot open. Group 13 and 14 have two spots open. One spot is open in Group 20. Teacher bios and head shots should be sent to Maria. Senior bios and pictures should be sent to Ellen Ortega. Some volunteers are still needed. There was discussion about rehearsing vocal students at Greg Genter's studio in the afternoon of Feb. 2 and 16 at 2:30. Maria will be out of the country for the next two weeks and will respond to email but not phone calls during that time. Sandy has purchased 23 flags to be used as props. There is also a sombrero and a head dress for Frank.

Maria Baylock reported that the harpsichord is with Jeri Bennett, then will come to Maria. She will take it down to The Plains for touch-up painting. Sandy Baker made a motion that the harpsichord be tuned on an as-needed basis, to be paid for by FLMF (not splitting the cost with the member). The motion passed. Maria will stay in touch with members housing the instrument as to whether it needs to be tuned.

The library is still available! The handbook and website list everything available. See Kay Willett for more details.

Please arrive on time for the next meeting so that we can begin at 9:45.

Lory Darnell-Gustafson is resigning as hospitality chairman for the rest of the year. A member is needed for the next two meetings (at Steinway) to be sure that we have refreshments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 for coffee, refreshments, and fellowship. Thanks to Lory Darnell-Gustafson and Nora Hamerman for providing food today. Thanks to Music and Arts for hosting the meeting and providing food, as well. The program "Practicing the Piano" by Nancy Breth was well-received.

Sincerely,

Libby McConnell
FLMF Recording Secretary