

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at Music and Arts in Sterling. Members present included Claudia Libero, Jeri Bennett, Connie Olivera, Robyn Magee, Sandy Titus, Karen Pino, Felicia Crawley, Jane Webb, Lydia Kriso, Ellen Ortega, Maria Bokel, Amy Work, Sandy Baker, Sharon Reck, Beverly Teague, Mark Pino, Arlene Manger, Diane Kimble, Nora Hamerman, Silvie McPherson, Rachel Harmatuk, Kay Willett, Kimberly Engel, Robyn Magee, and Libby McConnell.

Sharon Reck opened the meeting at 10 a.m. Libby McConnell read the November minutes, which were approved as read.

Sharon Reck thanked Mark and Karen Pino for hosting the December holiday luncheon. Gretel von Pischke has offered to host a soiree at her home in February or March. The date will be sent to members via email when confirmed.

Sandy Baker gave the treasurer's report. FLMF has \$27,251.39 in the checking account. The financial report dates from October 14, 2015. \$600 in dues has been collected. \$2,895 was added from the fundraiser at Lansdowne but will go to MusicLink. With the additional money from the raffle, and after paying for piano tuning, we will donate \$3000 to MusicLink. \$450 was paid for insurance. The state corporation LLC fee of \$25 was paid. The PayPal report for 2015 is available to peruse.

Amy Work reported on the Lansdowne Holiday Recital. Fourteen teachers participated, with 184 students performing. Certificates have not yet been ordered, but Amy will contact Ann Reck to produce them. Karen Pino's student won the raffle of a free night's stay at the resort. Feedback was generally positive. The resort director offered to host this event annually.

Diane Kimble announced that we have 85 current, paid members. Eleven members did not renew, even after several attempts to reach them.

Jeri Bennett announced that the update for the Ensemble Festival music with metronome markings is now online. Members may be found online by location. Members are encouraged to look at the page for strings teachers to see how links could be added to direct online searches to a more specific location. Jeri will try this with the Ashburn page this month.

The next Reston Community Center recitals will be at 1:30 and 3:00 p.m. on May 22. The Ashburn recital at Ashby Ponds will be on Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m. Note registration deadlines on the website.

Maria Bokel discussed the Ensemble Festival. The program will soon be formatted and requests immediate notice of any changes. Festival tee-shirts are available for pre-order. Senior students, please send Ellen Ortega a head shot and brief bio for the opening slide show. Teacher bios should be sent to Maria Bokel. Sectionals will be at The Piano Express on January 23. Teachers are requested to rehearse with their partners before the sectional.

Maria Baylock is moving, and Amy Work has volunteered to serve as the new chair for the harpsichord.

Elliott of Music and Arts announced that more piano teachers are needed in the Sterling store on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The next open mic night will be January 29 from 6 - 8 p.m. "Horns A Plenty" will be May 7. Fliers for these events are available to teachers.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 to be followed by a presentation given by Connie Olivera on using and teaching jazz chords in lessons.

Respectfully submitted,  
Libby McConnell, FLMF Secretary