

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met at The Piano XPress on Wednesday, September 12, at 9:45 am. Members present were Jeri Bennett, Kay Willett, Sandy Titus, Jane Webb, Marina Chamasyan, Sandy Isaacs, Maria Baylock, Phyllis Vickers, Lydia Kriso, Gretel Von Pischke, Claudia Libero, Libby McConnell, Robyn Magee, Sandy Baker, Amy Work, Debra Gunnerson, Nora Hamerman, Sherri Stricker, Elza Ritter, Lory Darnell Gustafson, Beverly Teague and Greg Genter.

Sharon Reck asked that members interested in studying and revising the bylaws sign up today to begin a necessary revision.

May minutes were read and approved.

Sandy Baker presented the treasurer's report: \$18,190.14 is today's balance. She has a list of all expenses incurred since May 9. \$1,809.52 has been spent; \$667.50 has come in, mostly through dues. We have to submit to the IRS an e-postcard that keeps us as a non-profit; that was submitted on July 17.

Jeri reported on membership. New members present today: Robin McGhee teaches piano in Herndon; Sandy Titus will soon resume teaching in Reston. Marina Chamasyan teaches piano at home in Sterling and in the Wolf Trap Education Center. Jeri distributed handbooks and has updated the website. Announcements should be sent to Jeri for that page on the website. When the bylaws are redone and approved, that will go on the website to be more easily accessible.

RCC recitals will be Oct. 14 and May 19. Chairperson Debra Gunnerson reported that have three recitals on each date, so teachers are encouraged to enter students. We have the hall from 12 - 6 pm those days. Times are 1:30, 3:00, and 4:30.

Maria Baylock is the harpsichord chair and she reported who would be housing the harpsichord during the year. The listing is in the handbook. Members who would like to house the harpsichord in the future should talk with Maria about training. When hiring a professional tuner, do not pay the tuner directly. The tuner will bill FLMF and the member must pay back half of the fee to FLMF through Sandy Baker.

Ensemble Festival: Amy Work reported that the date is confirmed for Saturday, Feb. 23 at Dominion High School. A snow date has not been set. If another school can give us both snow and regular dates, the location will change. Theme: Music Around the World. Packets are ready and available at Music and Arts in Sterling. Members can check them out for four days. Music will be for sale after registration is complete. Group 14 has changed due to copyright issues; the new piece is in the packet. Sandy Baker created and has uploaded many of the recordings to the website. Greg Genter, recording editor, will add a click track to each recording and will complete the project by the end of the week. Three pieces include a choir, and high school singers are needed. Vocal teachers entering singers will pay \$10 per student. Registration dates will be announced soon, and members will be informed by email which program will occur at the October meeting.

Dulles Holiday Recital: Amy Work has no dates secured, as the movie theater is being renovated. They are leaning more toward Friday evenings. Amy has talked with Patty and Helen at Tyson's Steinway about rental fees.

Kay Willett showed members that all library items are listed in the handbook. Send a request to Kay for things you'd like to borrow, and members can either pick them up at her house or she will bring them to the next meeting. She shared the Lang Lang book and a video series entitled The Composer's Specials, available to borrow today.

Hospitality chairperson Lory Darnell-Gustafson discussed refreshments for upcoming meetings. She encourages members to sign up to bring fun, unusual foods when possible to share as well as muffins or cookies as a fallback.

Gretel announced that Lang Lang is playing at the Kennedy Center in November.

The meeting adjourned and was followed by a presentation by Greg Genter entitled "Group Lessons in the 21st Century."

Respectfully submitted,

Libby McConnell  
FLMF Secretary