

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, at The PianoExpress in Ashburn. Members present included Lydia Kriso, Sandy Baker, Debbie Vogan, Karen Pino, Mark Pino, Melinda McCullah, Greg Genter, Jeri Bennett, Nora Hamerman, and Libby McConnell.

Jeri Bennett opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. She thanked the Pinos for hosting the Christmas brunch. Libby McConnell read the November minutes, which were approved as read.

Sandy Baker reported that there is \$19,259.86 in the checking account. Income included Lansdowne recital fees and new member registrations. Expenses included liability insurance, tuning for Lansdowne recitals, and flowers for Ellen Winner, whose husband recently passed away. A new, one-time expense was to add Loudoun County Public Schools as a certificate holder on our liability insurance. This allows the club to rent facilities for Ensemble Festival. A bank statement and a PayPal report are available for members to peruse.

Amy Work sent a report that \$2,160 was raised through the Lansdowne recitals, and 144 students participated. Due to minimal expenses for piano tuning and certificates, FLMF will supplement with \$150 to make the total MusicLink donation \$2,000. Amy will send thank-you notes to the management who supported this event. Sandy will send a donation check to Joanne Haroutounian.

New member Debbie Vogan introduced herself. She teaches piano in Ashburn Farm.

The deadline to register for the Ashby Ponds recital will be March 21. The information for this event, to be held on April 8 at 2 p.m., is on the website. Send all information and fees to Jane Webb. Early registration is requested, as the recital will fill quickly.

The next Reston Community Center Recitals will be May 20, 2018. For more information, please contact the Chair, Darya Gabay, at darya@gabay.name or see the website.

Sandy Baker reminded members that the Ensemble Festival sectional rehearsals will be at The Piano Express on February 3 - 4. Students should rehearse two times with partners before the first sectional rehearsal. Teachers should rehearse with partners before sectionals. The event will be on February 17 at Riverside High School, with a snow date of February 24 at Tuscarora High School. Students must wear black and white; teachers should wear long black formal attire. Students and parents should read and sign the guidelines, but teachers may keep those guidelines. Send senior bios to Ellen Ortega by February 5. The teacher job list will be emailed next week. There are still jobs to fill! Raffle tickets will be for sale at rehearsals and the concert. The sectional rehearsal will be posted on the website today.

Jeri Bennett thanked Greg Genter for the use of his space and thanked the Pinos for the refreshments. Greg mentioned that used books are for sale, to benefit NVMTA.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m., to be followed by a program by Greg Genter titled, "Productivity and Organization for Creative and Scatterbrained Types (like me)."

Respectfully submitted,

Libby McConnell, FLMF Recording Secretary