

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, at The Piano Company in Sterling. Members present included Melinda McCullah, Annie Feigles, Kay Willett, Eric Davenport, Rachel Harmatuk, Karen Pino, Jane Webb, Sandy Baker, Lydia Kriso, Beverly Teague, Jan Bode, Libby McConnell, and Sharon Reck.

Sharon Reck opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The November minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Baker reported a total of \$10,212.17 in the checking account. We have sent a donation to MusicLink for \$1,000. Expenses included liability insurance and the January speaker fee, paid despite last week's snow cancelation. A bank statement and a PayPal statement are available for members to peruse.

Dulles Holiday Concert: Annie Feigles reported that 11 teachers participated. The mall was very accommodating and appreciative. Thank you to Annie and her husband for setting up the club sound system, which helped performers be heard throughout that section of the mall. FLMF donated \$1000 from this event to MusicLink and will use \$1000 for club purposes. Annie would need a co-chair for a separate weekend for the event to expand. MusicLink sent pens as a thank-you to participating students.

Membership Report: Melinda McCullah announced we still have 56 members.

Website: Jeri Bennett has posted the first Ensemble Festival rehearsal schedule. Karen Pino suggested we add a way to donate to FLMF using online payment. The member directory needs attention.

Harpsichord: The instrument is at the Pino home. Lewinsville Presbyterian rented the instrument in December for a concert and paid rental fees. The harpsichord will move next to the Baker studio. The schedule is on the website. The rental fee is being raised to \$250, up from \$125. Mark Pino will update the rental form and send it to Jeri Bennett for the website.

Ashby Ponds Recital: This event will be March 29 at 3:00. Registration deadline is March 14 or earlier if the recital time is full. If the harpsichord is requested, Sandy Baker will bring it to the recital venue. See the website or contact Jane Webb for more information.

RCC Recital: The recital will be held on Sunday, April 19. The number of participants will determine whether there are one or two recitals. Keep an eye on the website for details.

Ensemble Festival: This event will be held at Riverside High School on February 15. The conductor will now be Paul Westray, due to a shoulder injury sustained by last year's conductor, Jeff Dokken. The bio will be updated on the website next week. The sectional rehearsals will be at The Piano Express. Remember all students should wear black attire. Teachers should wear all black as well. Please update teacher bios immediately. Cover designs are due at sectional rehearsals. Raffle tickets are available now.

Future of FLMF: How can this club be relevant to a new generation of teachers? Perhaps we can do a survey of why people do or do not participate. Popular online discussion groups include Art of Piano Pedagogy and Piano Teacher Central. Can someone post about FLMF on those sites? How can we get information about our club to local music schools and universities?

We need to welcome new members personally, as a mentor would do. The group decided to form a publicity committee to explore these questions and more. Interested members please contact Sharon Reck. In other news, Laura Readyoff has offered the use of The Music Loft for future programs.

Upcoming Events: The Pro Arte Chamber Orchestra of Greater Washington concert on Saturday, January 25 will feature members Betty Bley and Libby McConnell. See here for details: <https://www.pacodc.org/#soiree-salon-series>

The NFMC annual convention is in Woodbridge May 7 and 8. Ronda Sprague is helping to organize programs for the convention. Anyone interested in advertising in the convention program or presenting at the convention should contact Ronda.

Sharon Reck thanked The Piano Company for hosting today's meeting. We regret that speaker Karen Hanna was unable to present due to the weather rescheduling. An abridged version of her presentation may be seen here: <https://youtu.be/rXUGbu80n9g>

The next meeting will be March 11 at Music & Arts in Sterling. Elaine Gallo will present a program about piano camps.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby McConnell, FLMF Recording Secretary