

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at The Performing Arts Center of Loudoun in Sterling Virginia. Members present included Claudia Libero, Sandy Baker, Sharon Reck, Beverly Teague, Felicia Crawley, Diane Kimble, Connie Olivera, Jeri Bennett, Melinda McCullah, Nora Hamerman, Lydia Kriso, Karen Pino and Mark Pino.

Sharon Reck opened the meeting at 10:00AM and thanked the Pinos for hosting the December holiday coffee.

Felicia Crawley told us about The Performing Arts Center facility and its capabilities which included an international center, visual arts, music lessons, gymnastics and volleyball spaces and after-school care. There is a banquet hall on site with a commercial kitchen, coffee shop and studio space for teachers.

Rachel Harmatuk read the minutes from the November meeting since Libby McConnell was unable to attend the meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

Sandy Baker reported that there is \$25,040.26 in the checking account. Since the November meeting \$875.20 was spent on the following items: ensemble festival items: penny whistle, chocolates, cardboard movie cutouts, gift cards for the composer Michael Giacchino and his assistant David Coker, program certificates for Lansdowne Holiday Serenades and Reston Community Center recital. \$450 was paid out for the yearly liability insurance.

Sandy Baker reported that 165 students and 15 teachers participated in the Lansdowne Holiday Serenades. \$2475 was reported donated to MusicLink. Money made from Coton and Rye restaurant fundraising night on 12/21 has not been reported by Lansdowne yet. Certificates will cost \$50 and Steve Cunningham still needs to be paid for tuning, but no bill has been sent yet.

Diane Kimble had no membership report this month.

Jeri Bennett reported that the final sectional schedule was up on the website, corrections and additions should be sent to Jeri at any time. There was discussion that the area of the website that has the dropbox files and recordings is not password protected and is hackable. Follow-up conversation will take place next meeting.

On behalf of Darya Gabay, Sharon Reck reported that the next dates for the Reston Community Center recital will be May 7th, 1:30 and 3:00pm. The October recital had very good response.

Jane Webb has scheduled an Ashby Ponds recital on April 2nd. More information about this recital will be given in February.

Sharon presented the following Ensemble Festival information: Concert 2/18 (Snow date 2/25) John Champe HS -Aldie; Sectionals 1/21 (Snow date 1/28) at Piano Express; teachers should rehearse with partners before sectionals; black and white attire for students, long black for teachers; senior bios to Ellen, program changes to Sharon; looking for movies props for entrance table; teacher task list has been emailed; raffle tickets for sale at rehearsals and concert -Music and Arts is donating a keyboard to raffle; cover entry chosen. Teachers please advertise on social media and encourage your students to also.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20AM

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Harmatuk