

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at The Piano Company in Leesburg. Members present included Sharon Reck, Sandy Baker, Jane Webb, Jeri Bennett, Kay Willett, Mark Pino, Karen Pino, Connie Olivera, Silvia McPherson, Claudia Libero, Rachel Harmatuk, Bo Mi Cha, Kimberly Engel, Phyllis Vickers, Maria Baylock, Bonnie Hudson, Suzanne Sorensen, and Libby McConnell.

Sharon Reck opened the meeting at 10:00 am. Libby McConnell read the May minutes. They were approved as read.

FLMF has \$20,992.92 in the checking account. Sandy Baker updated the club on recent financial transactions. She filed the necessary postcard to keep FLMF registered as a non-profit organization. She paid \$500 to Greg Genter for his Ensemble Festival recordings, which are available on the website. ASTA membership was renewed so that we have harpsichord insurance. A full financial report and list of club members is available for members to peruse.

The club's personalized stationery, business cards, and magnets are now available to members. Each member may take a few of each for sharing with the community. The website address is printed on everything, thus directing interested parents, teachers, or community members to full information on FLMF.

At the recent executive committee meeting, the board discussed PayPal usage. It may be necessary to increase usage fees for members using PayPal to cover the added cost of this benefit to members. Sandy Baker will keep an eye on the cost-benefit ratio for the convenience of PayPal.

The October Reston Community Center recital will be October 18 with three recital hours to fill. Participation fees have increased to \$15 per student. Darya Gabay has updated the registration process on the website. Register students by October 1.

Jane Webb announced a new recital venue available at Ashby Ponds, which will be convenient for Loudoun County teachers. Members voted to begin a new recital series similar to the one at the Reston Community Center. The first FLMF recital at Ashby Ponds will be Sunday, April 3, at 2 pm.

Maria Baylock reported that the harpsichord will not be used at the Waterford Fair this year. Instead, the instrument will move to the Pino home in September.

Sharon Reck presented a membership report from Diane Kimble. There are 93 members, though 26 members have not yet paid. Twenty-eight members chose to pay with PayPal. There were several new members in attendance. Bo Mi Cha teaches piano in Centreville. Kimberly Engel teaches piano in Aldie. Rachel Harmatuk teaches piano in Ashburn.

Jeri Bennett asks that members contact her if they find anything missing on the website that would have been in the printed handbook. Officers are listed in the members' area,

and committee chairs will be added to this section. The password for the teachers' only directory is: Mozart. Please note the uppercase M. This section includes every member's contact information.

Sandy Baker spoke with Antoinette Purdon of The Piano Company about the Dulles Holiday Recital, for which The Piano Company provides a grand piano. The club hopes to schedule the event the weekend of December 11 - 12. The Piano Company would like the event to be at the opposite end of the mall from their store so that the event does not take away from piano sales. Sandy will continue discussions with the mall manager about the location of the recital. Registration will be after Ensemble Festival registrations end, around the end of October.

Kay Willett is willing to bring any FLMF library item to a meeting for members to borrow. See the complete list at www.flmf.org.

Sharon Reck announced that the Ensemble Festival will be February 27 at Freedom High School in South Riding. The snow date is March 12 at the same school. Music packets are available to borrow from Sterling Music and Arts. Registration begins online on October 1 at 8 am. Contact Amy Work or Maria Bokel with any questions. Frank Conlon will be conducting again this year. Sectional rehearsal dates are not yet set.

Sharon Reck thanked The Piano Company for hosting this month's meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 and was followed by Karen Loving's presentation on The Alexander Technique.

Respectfully submitted,
Libby McConnell
FLMF Recording Secretary