

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

South Fraser Branch of BC Registered Music Teachers' Association

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Northwood United Church, 10am

### **Attendees:**

Sylvia Leigh	Yvette Rowledge	Jamie Eguia
Helga Murray	Colleen Branson	Debbie Bogan
Kevin Thompson	Phyllis Heppner	Paulette Nielsen
Leslie Chen	Annette Droz	Marlene Bartsch
Calla Strain	Christy Kuettel	Carmen Roberts
Dianne Szarapka	Eva Law	Debbie Nagy
Catherine Bundt	Maureen Hollins	

**Welcome:** New member: I-fen Peng (Piano, Ocean Park) - absent

**Minutes** of the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting are posted on our website.

*Moved by Leslie Chen, seconded by Dianne Szarapka to adopt the minutes as circulated.*

**Treasurer's Report:** Sylvia Leigh

Total General Account: \$26,706.86

Total Festival Account: \$4,923.13

**Pin Presentations:** 25-year pins: Kathy Kelbert, Loretta Braun (both absent)

50-year pin: Darlene Brigidear (absent)

### **Committee Reports**

#### **1. Website Report:** Kevin Thompson

For the most part, the website is working well. One rather strange item. The first notice I sent out Sunday went to 99 addresses; the second notice on Monday, went to 97. I have no idea why that number would change. Please let me know if you are not getting the notices.

## **2. Festival Rules Review: Maureen Hollins**

The Festival committee is ongoing trying to clarify the rules, using feedback from our teachers.

A lot of our members would prefer us to resume multiple entries. After considering the feedback from membership at the last meeting in April, the executive presents the following statement, to be determined by a membership vote:

*The Festival 2019 will resume multiple entries with NO restrictions on the number of class entries per student following the present repertoire categories stated in the Festival Guidelines. (Participants are reminded to enter at ONE grade level, with the present exceptions for ensemble, and ONE entry per repertoire category)*

*\*\* For Participation in Celebration Recitals and to be Eligible for Awards and Scholarships, a minimum of TWO solo entries is required with a GOLD standing in one.*

*Voting Results (18 members present to vote):*

Yes – 17

No – 1

Regarding the Duties Proposal:

Kevin Thompson made the motion to accept the Duties Proposal and Calla Strain seconded the motion.

NUMBER of Assistant Positions change slightly:

1 to 6 entries	1 position
7 to 12 entries	2 positions
13 to 20 entries	3 positions
21 to 30 entries	4 positions
31 and above	5 positions

## **3. BCRMTA Provincial Council Report: Maureen Hollins**

South Fraser Representatives in attendance at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Provincial Council meeting were Colleen Branson, Maureen Hollins, Kevin Thompson, and Susan Olsen (as Archivist).

1) We should remember as a branch that there is a Heritage Fund available for us to use. The Provincial Council does have funds available for various projects, e.g. Continuing Education, Professional Development. There is some paperwork involved and deadlines, but it's worth the effort.

2) The BC Piano Competition was promoted and supported.

3) The major discussion piece was around Criminal Record Checks.

Do we as a membership advocate a criminal record check for all of our members? And would that protect all of our members from being liable?

The concern is whether the individual or the provincial body is accountable for any lawsuit.

I put it in motion to have a criminal record check, but it was defeated!

We talked about paying a lawyer to look into it and see what can be done to protect the association.

*Discussion:*

-Criminal Record Checks are only valid for the specific activity/event you are getting the check for.

**Business:**

**1. September 2018 BC Piano Competition:** Kevin Thompson / Maureen Hollins

Tickets are now for sale. Please take posters for hand-outs in your studio and also a large poster for you bulletin boards. I am trying to arrange a meeting with the church for a walk-about with Helga, Maureen and Jennifer. (Maureen is now our chair for the BC Piano Competition. Susan Schleppe did it last time.) Dina is going to set up online sales for tickets as well. There will be 8 competitors from around the province, including our own Emma Hoglund. Tickets are for sale now. Contact Kevin Thompson at [ktpianostudio@telus.net](mailto:ktpianostudio@telus.net).

**Semi-Finals**

Adult \$20 / Student \$15

**Finals**

Adult \$25 / Student \$20

**All Day**

Adult \$40 / Student \$30

Please support this event. Take posters and hand-outs for your studio and students. This is a local event that will be inspiring for all your students.

## **2. Professional Development:** Helga Murray

Catherine Bundt, Wendy Chan, and myself have formed the Professional Development committee. We have some exciting things that will take place in the coming year!

We are looking at getting Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann in to do a duet/ensemble-playing workshop in the fall.

I've been approached by Red Leaf Music. They have a lot of new music, and they would love to come with all their new books.

We will get back to you with dates as soon as we can.

## **Unfinished Business:**

### **1. Thank You For the Music Society:** Shelley Gimbel

There was quite a number of teachers who participated in the Practice-a-thon. We're really happy that we are able to support your music community as well as the general school board. Our members are extremely happy to present a cheque of \$920 to BCRMTA South Fraser! (This money will go into South Fraser's festival scholarship fund.)

I'm really happy to say that we raised \$10,333 with our first Practice-a-thon. With a few expenses, it was around \$9,000. We are donating \$7,500 to the Surrey school board.

Probably 11 studios participated. Two teachers are not in this branch. One teacher from Coquitlam donated the money for your branch!

I am inviting all of you, especially the students who participated, to come and watch what difference it's made in Surrey schools. I will send out the date to Kevin and he can let you know.

Last year, we donated \$2,000 to Surrey school board. They sang and came up and hugged us. We were all so connected!

Thank you so much for all your work and for believing in this project.

## **2. Raffle for Trip to Tofino: Kevin Thompson**

Kevin raised the most money in the Practice-a-thon and got the trip to Tofino as the prize, but because he cannot go, he is raffling it off for \$10 per ticket. We'll have Shelley Gimbel do the draw.

1 = \$10

3 = \$25

5 = \$45

### *Results:*

Dianne Szarapka won the raffle, and \$175 was made!

*Kevin Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting.*

### Adjournment

Following the meeting, Emma Hoglund performed a short recital in the Sanctuary.

Emma won CMC in her division in BC and just came back from Montreal. She's planning on heading down to the States to John Perry in the summer, then to Perugia, Italy to Sasha Starceovich. She was invited by the VSO to perform the Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto #2, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in January. She also tied for second place in the Steinway Competition and will be in NY to play at the Steinway Hall on August 26.

Emma will be representing South Fraser at the BC Piano Competition on September 22.

Following the recital, we had a luncheon. (\$5 per person.)

Next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.