

**B.C. Registered Music Teachers' Association
South Fraser Meeting
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Northwood United Church**

Members Present:

Alison d'Entrement
Helga Murray
Calla Strain
Emma Shi
Lea Tsui
Dianne Szarapka
Sylvia Leigh
Esther Neufeld
Andrea Mesana
Colleen Branson
Susan Senkow
Leslie Chen
Braden Eguia
Eva Law
Jennifer Silva
Sharon Farenhorst
Catherine Bundt
Michelle Bumpus
Christy Kuettel
Maureen Hollins
Carmen Roberts
Ron Koyanagi

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 am

Welcome: Alison welcomed all to the meeting. This is the first in person meeting we have had since Jan 2020!

Special Acknowledgment of Service: Alison presented Helga Murray with a plant and card acknowledging her long-time service as President. Helga will continue as Past President on the Executive and will remain active in the branch.

Treasurer's Report: Emma presented the Treasurer's report as at September 1, 2021. There is \$30,084.85 in the General Fund and \$6,559.79 in the Festival Account.

Canada Music Week discussion: we hope to have an in-person program in November. More information to come.

Exciting Opportunities for Professional Development and Performance:

Maureen let the membership know that gifts of appreciation were delivered to Executive members who left their positions recently: Marleen Bartch, Jennifer Hayworth, Leslie Chen and Sylvia Leigh

Fall Conference 2022 in Parksville: The Provincial Piano competition will be held in person at the conference. If anyone has a student that they are preparing for the competition, please check the regulations on the Provincial website, or in the Progressions Magazine. May 1, 2022 is the deadline for entry.

Senior Masterclasses for levels 9, 10, 11 will be set up for the fall. The first session will be held on Sunday November 7, 2021. Clinician: Marjorie Purdy For further information, contact Maureen Hollins.

South Fraser Music Festival discussion:

A discussion sheet was attached to the agenda for members to provide their ideas and submit to Alison. This sheet will also be sent out to the members not in attendance.

Discussion ideas raised:

- Create a form for members to fill out, indicating their areas of preference for helping with the festival. This will be sent out after the meeting and should be returned asap.
- Create job descriptions of duties required for helping with the festival, so members understand what areas they can assist.
- Ask for a volunteer of someone who has lots of experience with previous festivals to help shape the festival going forward
- Jennifer Condie offered to help the teams, offering her expertise and experience
- Telephone calls to members – to raise awareness of the festival and what help is required, encourage people to participate – Colleen Branson volunteered as one person for this
- Christy spoke of the work currently required for the Junior Festival. She needs 3 people to help on her team.
- Wendy offered to help with the entries, someone would be required to do the scheduling.
- Discussion around moving the festival back to one big festival, with 1 convenor, and offering compensation for the larger roles. We have the money in the budget to do this.
- Esther provided history on this from the 2009 meeting minutes – the membership was prepared to offer \$5,000 to hire someone to run the festival – outcome was that honorariums were provided: \$1000, \$500 etc for some of the larger roles.
- For the past 10 years, no compensation has been given for any of the roles for running the festival.
- Everyone agreed that the festival needs to be simplified.
- Christy would be open to being the convenor, with a point person to be assigned during the senior week.
- Festival will go ahead for May 2022 as planned, even though there may be other festivals going on at that time. We will continue with the current philosophy of providing a festival that nurtures and develops our students. Only open to students of teachers of the South Fraser Branch.

10:55 Jazz workshop with Ron Koyanagi