

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

South Fraser Branch of BC Registered Music Teachers' Association

Wednesday, September 21, 2016

Northwood United Church, 10am

Attendees:

Belinda Li	Margaret Brew	Esther Neufeld
Leslie Chen	Laurie Forsyth-Freinhofer	Kamela Vinjau Christaki
Dianne Szarapka	Yvette Rowledge	Colleen Branson
Sylvia Leigh	Chrisy Kuettel	Phyllis Heppner
Helga Murray	Catherine Bundt	Helen Tung
Berva Warkentin	Linda Prai	Wendy Chan
Beverley Johnson	Carmen Roberts	Marlene Bartsch
Darlene Brigidear	Natalia Pardalis	Maureen Hollins
Debbie Nagy	Sharon Poon	

Welcome by Helga Murray, President

We welcome back returning members: Marlene Bartsch and Linda Prai.

Correspondence

We received a card from Kevin Thompson, with a photo of his thriving bee colony! He expresses his appreciation for the bee supply store gift card and the bee flower, both of which were part of the thank-you gift that Catherine Bundt had presented him, on behalf of the branch, to thank him for all his work on the festival committee for 18 years.

Minutes of the June 15th meeting are posted on our website.

Moved by Magaret Brew and seconded by Natalia Pardalis to adopt the minutes as circulated.

Treasurer's Report: Sylvia Leigh, Treasurer
(as of September 1, 2016)

General Account.....	\$9,756.78
Term Deposits.....	\$14,100.00
Total.....	\$23,856.78

Festival Account.....	\$8,606.42
Festival Term Deposits.....	\$1,179.66
Festival Total.....	\$9,786.08

Committee Reports

1. Junior Festival: Wendy Chan

Our adjudicators for the Junior Festival this year are Ian Parker and Ann Wilson Unger.

2. Senior Festival: Leslie Chen

The Senior Festival will be held the week of **February 27 to March 4, 2017**. Our adjudicators are Ian Parker and Dr. Rudy Rozanski.

Rudy Rozanski has performed solo and chamber music concerts in North America; he has also been the concerto soloist with various conductors. Dr. Rozanski was the first artist to receive a Doctorate of Music (in Piano) from a Canadian University. His teachers included Gyorgy Sebok, Menahem Pressler, John Perry, and Robert Silverman. In the course of his studies he received numerous awards, including several Banff Centre scholarships and Killam Pre-doctoral scholarships. Rudy Rozanski is also a composer and arranger of acoustic and electronic music. He is currently a Professor of Piano and Theory at Capilano University and serves as Director of Examinations for the BC Conservatory of Music.

3. Vocal Festival:

We had a successful first vocal festival! Our adjudicator was Steve Maddock from Capilano University. His background includes classical, pop, and jazz training, and he has also done musical theatre. He was a wonderful adjudicator with the students. He was encouraging, inspiring, and challenged the singers to take the next step in their development. We had 23 entries the festival, including 4 ensembles. They were all excellent singers but several stood out. Tom Lee Music sponsored the trophies and medallions. We also have a small scholarship given by one of the teachers.

Trophies:

Adult Pop - Aman Gill

Adult Musical Theatre - Samantha Humphreys

Senior Pop - Jasmine Deo

Junior Pop - Emma Marr

Junior Musical Theatre - Caitlin Camales

1st Timers - Sofia Conejos

Medallions: Ensemble - Sophia Olteanu, Anna Olteanu, and Micaella Moody

Scholarship: Jasmine Deo

4. Honours Recital: Helga Murray

The Honours Recital will be held on **April 29, 2017 at 7pm at the White Rock First United Church**. The deadline will likely be **January 25**. This is done through online registration. Theory requisites need to have been completed by now (August 2016). If a student is selected to perform, he/she will receive a notice. **For the Honours Recital, students should perform repertoire from their current grade!** Also, ARCT Performance students are now required to perform at the Honours Recital, as this will inspire the younger students. There will be two categories in scholarships this year: piano and violin. We had a successful recital last year, and we are looking forward to another great Honours Recital this year!

5. Webmaster's Report: Kevin Thompson, read by Leslie Chen

We currently have 96 active teachers on the website. Plus 7 retired teachers, two are life members. I have helped a few teachers upload photos to their profile. So far only ten teachers have a photo.

The last branch notice had an 80% click rate (opens). Our average is 68%, the industry average is 16%. You are all geniuses.

Business

1. Search for new Vice-President: Helga Murray

We are still looking for someone to step up to be the new Vice-President, as Helga only has 1 year left in her term as President.

2. BCRMTA Affiliate Membership

Please vote! The deadline is Thursday midnight.

At this meeting, several teachers said they never received the E-mail notice with the link to vote. We have asked our Webmaster, Kevin, to send out the notice again.

We then opened the floor up to a bit of discussion. Both sides were represented.

3. BCRMTA Conference 2016

The conference is this weekend!

There will be a workshop at the conference on the new theory syllabus.

As a side note: If anyone has any questions about the new syllabus, feel free to contact our regional RCM representative, Chantal Fennell:

E-mail: Chantal.fennell@rcmusic.ca

Phone: 604-354-4224

4. Canada Music Week 2016 Recital: Maureen Hollins

The Canada Music Week recital for this year will be on **Saturday, November 19, 2016**. The deadline for submissions will be November 1. Solo pieces will need to be memorized. We are encouraging duo performances and teacher performances! (Remember, this is a *celebration* of Canada Music Week, and not a competition!)

****Side-note announcement:** Linda Ruan, our Young Artist who gave an outstanding concert last year, is performing the Tchaikovsky piano concerto with the Vancouver Metropolitan Orchestra on October 7 at the Michael J. Fox Theatre in Burnaby! Anyone who is available should go and support Linda! **

5. Canada Music Week 2017: Maureen Hollins

This is the 150th anniversary of Canada. We are looking for compositions, so encourage your students to write a piece! (And no, it is not a requirement that they write a variation on “Oh Canada”; that was just a suggestion.)

6. Forrest Kinney Workshop: Helga Murray

We think it would be great to invite Forrest Kinney to come do a workshop! His books, *Pattern Play* and *Chord Play*, are excellent tools for teachers to encourage improvisation in lessons with students. Forrest lives in Seattle and comes to Bellingham often. We are thinking maybe asking him to do one all-day workshop, with a second day of workshops for those interested in exploring deeper. Wendy Chan has contacted him, but has yet to hear back from him.

7. Search for a Professional Development Coordinator: Helga Murray

We are currently looking for someone to be our Professional Development Coordinator, as Jennifer Condie is currently unable to continue with this role.

Colleen Branson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sharon Poon.

Adjournment