

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, February 12 at Herndon Friends Meeting House. Members present included Lydia Kriso, Karen Pino, Arlene Manger, Robyn Magee, Sandy Baker, Diane Kimble, Kay Willett, Gretel Von Pischke, Claudia Libero, Maria Baylock, Jeri Bennett, Elizabeth Kellogg, Phyllis Vickers, Sharon Reck, Libby McConnell, Debra Gunnerson, Charlotte Schefter.

President Sharon Reck called the meeting to order at 10 am. Discussion of changing the FLMF inclement weather policy resumed from the January business meeting. Maria Baylock moved that if schools are closed in Fairfax County due to inclement weather, business meetings and programs are canceled; we reschedule for the following Wednesday. If Fairfax County schools have a delayed opening due to weather, we will continue with the meeting and program as scheduled. Last minute changes will be advised by email. The motion was seconded and approved.

The January minutes were read by Secretary Libby McConnell and accepted.

Treasurer Sandy Baker began by addressing old business. She had a thank you from Razoo for using their online donation site to give to MusicLink after our Dulles Holiday Recitals. Razoo included an offer to receive discounts to Washington Nationals games, using the promotional code "RAZOO". Sandy would like to research and purchase recording equipment for FLMF to use at such events as the Dulles Mall Holiday Recitals.

We pay \$240 for a post office box for FLMF, which Sandy rarely checks. Regular bills are already forwarded to Sandy's home address. The checking account is already in Sandy's name, and she would like to change the FLMF address to her home address, as well. Kay Willett moved that we make this change, and members voted and accepted.

We have \$20,425.26 in the checking account. After the Ensemble Festival is over, we need to look closer at the event to determine if it's an expense or an income. Pianos are \$1800, and schools charge around \$2000. Some other recent expenses include chocolate roses for sale at the festival, the January speaker fee, Dulles Recital expenses, and the donation to MusicLink.

Jeri Bennett announced we have a new member: Michelle Perrine, a voice teacher in Aldie.

Maria reported that the harpsichord looks and sounds great. She shared that a student of FLMF member Charlotte Schefter recently purchased her own harpsichord after learning to play and maintain the FLMF harpsichord. Anyone interested in housing the harpsichord should contact Maria for training, as there are open months for the coming year.

In Maria Bokel and Amy Work's absences, Sharon reminded everyone that the Ensemble Festival is scheduled for this Saturday, February 15th. With the impending

weather forecast, please watch your emails and the FLMF website for possible postponement to our snow date of February 22nd.

Debra Gunnerson reminded everyone of the upcoming RCC recitals on Saturday, May 17th. She will fill the first two recitals first, and if enough students register, she will fill a third recital. Registrations must be received by May 1st.

The soiree will be March 22 at 7 pm at Gretel von Pischke's home. Please bring a main dish to feed 8 or two side dishes, and music to share in an informal recital setting.

Kay Willett has the library at her house. The Lang Lang book is checked out and missing; please return it if you have this book.

The new Leesburg Music and Arts store has opened.

Next month Barbara Wing will present a program on improvisation at Music and Arts.

Sherri Stricker asked the group if anyone can share ideas for online piano forums for intermediate or advanced students. Sandy suggested online forums run by the following: Mark Hayes and Roland, and Susan Ogilvie. Betty Kellogg shared that there is a cello forum called "cello.org" for advice from leading cellists.

Thanks to Kay Willett for refreshments. The meeting adjourned at 10:30, to be followed by a Baroque Dance Workshop given by Cheryl Stafford.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby McConnell