

The Fairfax-Loudoun Music Fellowship met on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at the home of Mark and Karen Pino. Members present included Shohreh Ghajar, Jeri Bennett, Diane Kimball, Karen Pino, Mark Pino, Jan Bode, Rachel Harmatuk, Sandy Baker, Claudia Libero, Nora Hamerman, and Gretel von Pischke.

Libby McConnell opened the meeting at 10:10 a.m. and thanked the Pinos for hosting. President Sharon Reck was unable to attend.

Ms. McConnell read the minutes from March, which were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sandy Baker announced there is \$14,553.04 in the account. The largest expense (\$527.99) was for the website and covers two years of hosting the site. Member dues and recital fees are expected to raise the total immediately. A full report is available for members to peruse.

**Website Report:** Jeri Bennett received comments regarding issues on the website, including out-of-date news and formatting. She explained that the Homestead site is designed to work best on Internet Explorer and looks different on other browsers. Ann Reck has offered to design a new face for the website. Jeri discussed how our FLMF site has been search-engine optimized. To learn if a redesign might change that, Sandy Baker will talk to Jennifer Warren-Baker, who set up the optimization for FLMF.

**Membership Report:** Diane Kimble is collecting dues for 2017-2018. There are 78 members to date. Pay online or send a check to Sandy Baker when renewing. Ms. Kimble is stepping down from the position of Membership Chair due to upcoming travel. She explained the duties to the club. Members interested in the position should contact Sandy Baker. The secretary will send minutes and club updates through a newly-opened Google Group. If you are not receiving emails, please contact Libby McConnell.

**Harpsichord Report:** The harpsichord is currently with Karen Pino and will be going to Amy Work's home for the summer. The harpsichord rental and tuning fees issue was not addressed due to repairs needed on the instrument. Ms. Work will contact Mark Adler regarding the broken plectra. The base may need repainting soon.

**2018 Ensemble Festival:** Sandy Baker reported that there have been two music selection meetings. The next meeting will be at Connie Olivera's home from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 16, from 9:30 - 11:30. Attendees will play through all music that has been selected so far. The theme of the next festival may be "Showstoppers." Ms. Baker called to thank this year's conductor Frank Conlon for his years of festival participation and to let him know that the group will use a different conductor next year. Jeffrey Dokken, Maestro for Symphony Orchestra of Northern Virginia, has agreed to conduct the concert and the sectionals for the 2018 concert. He will receive a fee of \$1000.

**Programs for 2017 - 18:** Karen Pino asked for ideas for upcoming programs and for feedback on programs from this past year.

**Ashby Ponds Recital:** Nine teachers and 18 students participated in the event on April 2, which lasted just over an hour. The audience was smaller than last year, due to lack of advertising by the staff at this venue.

RCC Recitals: Darya Gabay sent word that both recitals went smoothly. She requested that teachers clearly advise all participants to stay for a whole recital. This time families were allowed to take pictures and even video record. Club members prefer not to offer professional video recording at these recitals, due to privacy laws.

Diane Kimble presented the 2017-2019 slate of FLM officers and executive committee.

President	Sharon Reck
Vice President(s)	Mark and Karen Pino
Secretary	Libby McConnell
Treasurer	Sandy Baker
Website	Jeri Bennett
Membership Chair	OPEN
Harpichord Chair	Amy Work
Librarian	Kay Willett
RCC Recitals	Darya Gabay
Ashby Ponds Recitals	Jane Webb
Lansdowne Holiday Fundraiser	Amy Work
Ensemble Festival Chairwomen	Sandy Baker/Sharon Reck

The slate was accepted as presented.

Sharon Reck sent a thank you note to the club for the flowers in memory of her husband Brad. She will take a leave of absence this summer from her duties as president. Through August, club business should go to secretary Libby McConnell; all Ensemble Festival business should go to treasurer Sandy Baker.

The next meeting will be in September. Time and location will be announced on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 11 a.m., to be followed by a brunch celebrating the end of a successful club year.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby McConnell

FLMF Recording Secretary