

LRMTA Minutes, September 12th, 2016, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 6 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Karen MacDonald, Andrew Gierulski, Betty Jo Radley, and Brenda Lockmuller.

Christine shared that a number of members had attended Joan Milton's Celebration of Life on September 10th. We will decide on ways to honor her memory as a branch over the next few months. Her obituary can be viewed online at cornerstone Funeral Home:
<http://cornerstonefuneralhome.com/index.php/obituaries/?&obitID=2752>

The agenda was approved by Karen with Andrew seconding. The May minutes were approved as circulated, by Marilyn, seconded by Betty Jo.

Christine and Karen updated the books in the summer and Christine prepared the financial report which she presented along with a brief financial summary of the Jesse Plessis fundraising recital. Our operating balance is \$780.15 and our awards account balance is \$3321.81. Christine has been looking into two outstanding cheques: one to Jordana Hudak for local fees reimbursement (minus the cost of nameplates) and one to Stephanie Shank for her Jesse Plessis poster design. Thank you to Andrew who acted as auditor after the meeting! After discussion it was decided to change our fiscal year to August 1st to July 31st. This will facilitate preparation of the year-end financial summary. A motion was made by Marilyn and seconded by Brenda that this be presented at our Annual General Meeting as a change to our bylaws. Notice of 2 months is needed for changes to bylaws. The report was moved by Karen and seconded by Betty Jo.

Winners of the RMT Festival Awards:

- Junior Piano: Reuben Peters
- Senior Piano: Zain Solinski
- Joan Croskery Memorial: Evelyn Kampert

The Kiwanis Club is no longer able to run the Music Festival in Lethbridge and have formed a new society to take over the leadership of the Festival so that it will continue in our community. Everyone is welcome to attend the upcoming general meeting which will take place on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the ATB Community Room at Casa. This will be a great opportunity to help shape the future of the Festival in our community! You are encouraged to attend!

ARMTA news: Karen will act as our branch rep to ARMTA. Thanks to Karen for volunteering for this position. The ARMTA Continuing Education Grant was approved for \$250 for the Michele Wheatley-Brown workshop on November 5th. Budget will be finalized at the October coffee and conversation. Christine is in conversation with ARMTA and Magda Adamak regarding a workshop in May. After discussion it was decided that because of so many projects this year, we will decline to host the Young Artist recital in Lethbridge. Marilyn moved the motion and Brenda seconded. Christine will contact Deborah Gallant. Brenda moved that we donate \$50 to the ARMTA Recognition Award in memory of Joan Milton. Karen seconded. Christine will make arrangements. After tireless work during the summer months, the ARMTA executive along with passionate members have succeeded in getting percentage marks for private music study restored to the Alberta High School Transcript. Details will be finalized over the coming months. Music Conference Alberta will take place in Banff October 20-22nd. Early bird registration is October 1st. More details on the website: <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/>

Christine passed around brochures for the New Performing Arts Centre Advocacy Group (PACAG). Members are encouraged to join individually. Memberships are \$5 and can be purchased at the Allied Arts Council Office. For more information, follow the link: <http://lethbridgeperformingartscentre.org/>

The Royal Conservatory has released a new theory syllabus. Information can be accessed on the RC website: <http://www.rcmusic.ca/celebrate-theory>

There is a crossover period of one year. A workshop will take place in Lethbridge later in the spring. After discussion, Brenda Lockmuller agreed to contact Derek Chiu and let him know that we were very disappointed that we weren't getting a workshop this fall. Betty Jo presented some of the advantages of becoming a RCM certified teacher. This could be a topic for our next coffee and conversation.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, September 15th, at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5th Ave. S. (Not 5A). Please call Betty Jo at 329-1655 or Linda at 328-6085 to let them know if you will be attending.

Christine passed around event cards for upcoming performances at the University of Lethbridge this year. She reported that she had made a presentation at the September 7th Music Student Meeting at which approximately 200 music students attended. A few students visited her display table after the presentation and signed up for more information and to be added to our RMT contact list.

Check out the website for updates www.lrmta.com

Christine proposed that we look into the possibility of purchasing a stand up banner for recitals and displays. She will look into details and cost. There are still a few RMT teacher directory posters. If you have a place to post one, let Christine know. It was suggested that we put an ad in the Kiwanis Festival program to attract teachers to ARMTA. Christine will design a proposal with help from the coffee group.

Saturday, November 26th at 2:30 p.m. is booked for our Canada Music Week recital at the Library. Karen and Lorrie Wittke will be the convenors. Our Spring recital is booked for Saturday, March 18th at the Library as well. The Christmas programs will be on Saturday, December 10th at Betty Jo's Studio at 810 Kodiak Bay North. The Adult get-together will start at 9:30 a.m. and the Student program will take place from 10:30 to noon. **Please note: the student recital will no longer be a drop-in program.** All students are requested to arrive by 10:30. Brenda Lockmuller will convene along with Betty Jo.

Saturday, November 5th, 2016 has been set for our workshop with Michele Wheatley-Brown. We have received a grant from ARMTA Continuing Education, part of which will go to subsidizing the masterclass fee for students. Space will be limited. **Registration is now open.** Our branch will get first chance to sign up. After the October 3rd meeting, notices will go out to teachers/musicians in our community. **Sign up early to ensure a spot.** Complete details will be sent out by email. Please see Michele's website for more information: www.mindbodymusic.ca

Venue: Betty Jo Radley's studio-810 Kodiak Bay North

9:30-12:30: 3-hour workshop: What every musician needs to know about the body (\$50 per person, 8 minimum, 20 maximum)

12:30-1:30 lunch supplied for those staying for masterclass

1:30-3:30 Master class: 6 students: 20 minutes each (\$10/student—subsidized fee)

3:30-4:00 break

4:00 -6:00 private lessons (\$75/hour)

Group supper at Restaurant

Keys to Piano is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th at Casa. This will be another fantastic learning opportunity. Our clinicians will be Deanna Oye and Krzysztof Jablonski (new piano professor at the U of L—visit his website to be impressed! <http://www.kjpianist.com/#main>). Save the date!

Christine passed around thank cards and newspaper clippings from events from last spring.

All branch handouts are available on the website:

<http://lrmta.com/index.php/informatio/membersteach/member-documents/>

Contact Christine if you need her to print you a hard copy.

We will be running a Practise-a-thon in February, 2017 for our Awards Program. Please plan to support our efforts.

Kate and Christine reviewed the Prospective Member Survey results in the summer. Kate is away this meeting and will present more details at a future meeting. Bob George won the \$25 promotional gift card for participating.

Branch Awards submissions are due at the October 3rd meeting. Please contact Christine to arrange drop off if you are unable to attend. Please use the branch form for all submissions available on the website: <http://www.lrmta.com/index.php/informatio/membersteach/member-documents/>
Contact Christine if you need a hard copy. Marks from December 2015 (Theory) to August 2016 are admissible. Please submit all of your first class honours marks so that students can be recognized in the program. Awards will be disbursed at the October coffee meeting and cheque writing will take place at the November coffee meeting.

APTA Conference Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st: Red Deer: <https://aptaonline.net/apta-conference/>

It was decided to discontinue phone calls for monthly meetings. The phoning committee will stay in place for any messages that need to be relayed by telephone. Thank you to Andrew and Cheryl for helping our branch with this service!

The Lethbridge Symphony Young Artist Competition Finals will take place Sunday, Sept. 18th, 3 p.m. U of L Recital Hall—Zain Solinski, piano, student of Deanna Oye's and former student of Linda Davies, will be one of the soloists.

Our next meeting will be October 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Long and McQuade.
Everyone is most welcome to attend.