

LRMTA Minutes September 14th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 9 members present: Doreen Laing, Cheryl Hudak, Christine Rogers, Isabelle Slater, Betty Jo Radley, Andrew Gierulski, Kate LaRocque, Linda Dickey and Karen MacDonald.

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

Karen is our new Treasurer. She and Christine have balanced the books and finalized the annual financial report. Our operating balance is \$691.75 and our awards account balance is \$3553.40. The annual financial report was reviewed. The ARMTA recognition fund donation in memory of Joan Croskery has been processed. The CFMTA Branching Out reimbursement cheque for our masterclass activity with Jesse Plessis in April has also been processed. Karen moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Isabelle. A huge thank you to Karen for taking on the Treasurer position!

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2016 are March 7th-19th. The registration deadline is January 5th. Christine reported that Nadia Solinski and Janelle Bykowski won our Kiwanis Festival awards this year.

ARMTA news: ARMTA has introduced a recognition program for students who volunteer in the community. See more details on the website by following the link: <http://armta.ca/student-opportunities/community-service-award/> Music Conference Alberta will take place October 22nd to 24th in Red Deer. Please see details on the website at: <http://armta.ca/upcoming-events/#/event/2015/10/22/music-conference-alberta-2015-in-red-deer> Tempo will now be published once a year and will focus on professional development. Regular email updates from ARMTA will contain information about events, activities and ARMTA business.

We have the Library showcases booked for November. Christine plans a Canada Music Week display.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, September 17th 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.

Kate and Christine met in the summer to update the website. They were able to figure out how to post photos on the scrolling photo feature at the top of each website page. Please take a look for updated event information as well as any branch handouts you might need. Please feel free to contact Christine with suggestions. They also updated the Kijiji ads. Thanks to Kate for her expertise and help!

A discussion concerning advertising followed. Christine reviewed our current advertising—Yellow Pages ad, Kijiji ads, website, Facebook page, brochures in Lethbridge Symphony office and in lobby for concerts, posters at Casa, Yates, and AAC office. Doreen and Linda offered to take posters to distribute. Thanks to Linda and Doreen! If you have any other poster ideas, please let Christine know. Doreen offered to take copies to the Penny Coffee House and Round Street Café. It was decided that prices for the Allied Arts Artsbridge Magazine were too expensive for our budget at this time. Thanks to Doreen for gathering the information.

Thanks to Betty Jo who will continue as our recital coordinator this year. The Library was suggested as the venue for our Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation because we have the showcases booked during the month of November. It will take place on Saturday, November 21st at 2:30 p.m. The location will be confirmed at the next meeting. Karen MacDonald will be one of the convenors. Dates

for future recitals were suggested as follows: Friday, December 11th at 5:30 for Adults and 7:00 for the Christmas drop-in at Betty Jo's studio; March 5th for our Festival Preparation recital and May 28th for our final adult get-together. Betty Jo will look into locations. She will also check if a new piano will be available at the Library. A sign-up sheet for convenors was circulated. Christine has the banner. **Please contact Christine if you are able to convene the November 21st Canada Music Week recital.**

Christine reported that dates for next year's *Keys to Piano* Workshop have been booked for February 26th and 27th, 2015 at Casa. Derek Chiu (Provincial RC Rep) and a colleague of his, Dr. Ross Osmun will be the clinicians. Please reserve these dates and plan to support our group by attending and promoting it to your students.

It was decided, based on the success of Doreen's presentation at our May meeting last year, that we host another presentation in May for teachers in our community. We invite any members of our branch who are interested, to give short presentations on any teaching or music topic of their choice. We have excellent, qualified teachers in our group with lots of experience and we can all learn from sharing ideas. Please let Christine know if you have a topic or idea that you would like to share.

Christine has done a prospective member email-out this fall. If you have contact information for any teachers that might be a good fit for our group, please forward the information to Christine. It was decided that as part of our invitation to new members, we offer free LOCAL membership for the first year.

First Class honors marks are due at the October meeting. If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to drop them off with Christine. **Please remember to use the branch submission form for all entries.** This is available on the website or from Christine. We plan to disburse the money at our October coffee meeting.

Andrew Gierulski informed members that the Healing Sound Series will present "Bits and Pieces," an hour of music from Johann Sebastian Bach to Johann Strauss on September 24th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lethbridge Public Library Theatre Gallery, Main Branch. Free Admission. Donations accepted. Featured performers: Sarabeth Baldry, cello, Maria Geppert, violin, Andrew Gierulski, piano, Monica Baczuk, flute, Lark Mclvor, soprano, and Valeria Lazzaretto, violin.

Christine brought the last of Joan Croskery's music to give away.

A fee survey was conducted. Those not at the meeting will be asked to participate through email. Please respond as soon as possible. This information is valuable for our own members and for teachers in the community who may come forward with questions.

Glen Montgomery will be performing Beethoven's 4th Piano Concerto with the Lethbridge Symphony on October 5th.

Kate took a photograph of members for our Kijiji ad. It will also be posted on the website. Thanks, Kate!

Our next meeting will be October 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.