

## **LRMTA Minutes, October 3rd, 2016, Long and McQuade**

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 9 members present: Lorrie Wittke, Mark Mitchell, Christine Rogers, Karen MacDonald, Linda Dickey, Betty Jo Radley, Kate LaRocque, Cheryl Hudak, and Brenda Lockmuller.

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

Our current operating balance is \$987.20 with the recent deposit of the ARMTA Continuing Education Grant of \$250 for the Michele Wheatley-Brown workshop. 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. Cheryl will check with her daughter and Kate will check in with Stephanie. Christine and Karen will stay at the conclusion of the meeting to update the books and write a check for the ARMTA Recognition Fund \$50 donation in memory of Joan Milton. The report was moved by Karen and seconded by Cheryl.

Christine reported on the general meeting for the new Lethbridge and District Music and Speech Arts Festival Society which took place on Thursday, September 29 at 7 p.m. in the ATB Community Room at Casa. Sandy Brunelle has been elected as President of the new Society. 9 Board members were also appointed. Members of the general public are invited to become members. There is currently no charge to become a member.

After discussion, it was decided to encourage our branch teachers to become members of the new Festival Society. More information and the application form can be obtained from the Allied Arts Council at 403-320-0555 or by following the link to the form posted on Facebook by the Kiwanis Club of Lethbridge: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGmXLPJx3GV6QPIrnNaQNgXa00\\_D-V68HsSrUvu4PRk1Xd3g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdGmXLPJx3GV6QPIrnNaQNgXa00_D-V68HsSrUvu4PRk1Xd3g/viewform)

The ARMTA Continuing Education Grant was approved for \$250 for the Michele Wheatley-Brown workshop on November 5<sup>th</sup>. The cheque has been received and deposited. Christine reviewed details of a possible workshop with Magda Adamek on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She has approached the Conservatory about collaborating. There will be ARMTA sponsorship through ARMTA Continuing Education. The membership agreed that we should go ahead. Christine will make further arrangements and keep teachers posted. 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. More details will be finalized during a conference call between ARMTA and Mike Emery from Alberta Education on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Christine plans to participate in the call and will report at the next meeting. Betty Jo suggested that we draft a thank you to send out to students who wrote letters or signed the petition. Music Conference Alberta will take place in Banff October 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. More details on the website: <http://www.musicconferenceab.ca/>

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

As a result of Brenda's initiative in contacting Derek, there will be a workshop at Long and McQuade on November 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 – 1:30. Thank you to Brenda! Sign up early. Space is limited. Registration is through the RCM website <http://www.rcmusic.ca/teacher-workshops-rsvp>

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5<sup>th</sup> 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. We will be disbursing awards. Your help would be welcome!

Check out the website for updates [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

Teachers took a few more directory posters for coffee shops in the city. Christine presented a draft of an ad in the Kiwanis Festival 2017 program to attract teachers to ARMTA. She will email it out for feedback and we will discuss at our next meeting.

Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> at the Library as well. The Christmas programs will be on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 is limited. Complete details have been sent out by email. Questions regarding parking around Betty Jo's were raised. A notice will be prepared with instructions. Please see Michele's website for more information: [www.mindbodymusic.ca](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Casa. Clinicians will be Deanna Oye and Krzysztof Jablonski. Save the date and support our organization!

We will be running a Practise-a-thon February 6<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for our Awards Program. Please plan to support our efforts. Thank you to the teachers who took letters for possible sponsors for prizes. It was decided to that a Best Buy \$100 gift card would be best for the grand prize for most money raised. Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Kate. Christine will make the purchase.

Kate and Christine reviewed the Prospective Member Survey results in the summer. Kate will deliver the \$25 promotional gift card to Bob George who won the draw.

CFMTA Branching Out 2017 will be an initiative celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday. \$100 is available to each branch in Canada over the next 2 year period. We can gather ideas and coordinate with Canada Music Week in November 2017. Ideas so far include, a workshop for students featuring Canadian Music, refreshments (maybe a cake) after the recital, or an award for the student receiving the highest mark on a Canadian piece in a practical exam.

Branch Awards were submitted. Awards will be disbursed at the October coffee meeting and cheque writing will take place at the November coffee meeting.

Our next meeting will be November 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.