

LRMTA Minutes January 11th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 8 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Brenda Lockmuller, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Kate LaRocque, Joan Milton, Karen MacDonald and Linda Dickey.

The agenda was approved by Linda with Joan seconding. The November minutes were approved with the change of date by Karen, seconded by Marilyn.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. Our operating balance is \$763.90 and our awards account balance is \$2879.30. The Library rental will be paid today as well as the reimbursement for our web domain renewal through HostGator. We will also send a cheque of \$100 to the Kiwanis Festival Trust Fund for our contribution to the Festival Awards. Karen moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report, seconded by Betty Jo.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2016 are March 7th-19th. Adjudicators are Jr. Piano: Mar 14-16 Marliss Gunderson and Sr. Piano: Mar 9-11 Michael Oike.

ARMTA news: Christine reviewed the new ARMTA Code of Ethics which has recently been adopted by ARMTA. Follow the link to the website: <http://armta.ca/become-a-member/code-of-ethics/>

Annual fees are coming due. Watch for information from ARMTA. Contact Christine if you have any questions. Continuing education funding is available from ARMTA. Christine will make application for *Keys to Piano* and for the possibility of a workshop/masterclass with Michele Wheatley-Brown. Follow the link for more information: www.mindbodymusic.ca

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, January 21st, 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. We will be finalizing details for our meeting/workshop on February 1st at Casa along with our regular conversation time.

Christine relayed information from Carolyn Garritano regarding the possibility of updating our website to a more tablet/phone friendly version. This would involve choosing a new theme and changing to a new web updating format. It was decided to keep things as they are right now, since they are working well and if we have any complaints, then check into making the switch.

Check out the website for updates www.lrmta.com

When the Yellow Pages renewal comes, Brenda will work with Karen to have the invoices sent directly to Karen in the future.

Feedback from the Canada Music Week Recital, the Adult Get-together, and the Christmas drop-in program was positive. It was suggested that we might try going back to a Saturday for the Christmas program (instead of the Friday we tried this year) as attendance was slightly down from last year. Dates for future recitals are as follows: March 5th for our Festival Preparation recital at McKillop United Church; and May 28th for our final adult get-together. Karen MacDonald and Joan Milton offered to be convenors for the March recital. Please send names to Karen MacDonald by Monday February 29th. Although this is a chance for students to try out Festival repertoire, all students are welcome to participate. Christine will look into the possibility of a U of L guest performer.

Keys to Piano Workshop will be February 26th and 27th, 2016 at Casa. Derek Chiu (Provincial RC Rep) and a colleague of his, Dr. Ross Osmun will be the clinicians. It looks like it will be a wonderful event! Please support our branch by attending yourself and encouraging your students to attend. Follow the links:
Information:

<http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/keys-piano-workshop>

Brochure:

http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/sites/conservatory/files/Keys%20to%20Piano%20Workshop%20Brochure_2016.pdf

Registration Form to print: http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/sites/conservatory/files/Keys%20to%20Piano%20Workshop%20Registration%20Form_bse-dits.pdf

To connect to teachers in our community, promote the Keys to Piano workshop, and participate in CFMTA Branching Out this year, we will have a presentation at our February meeting for teachers in our community. Kate will present apps and websites which can be used as teaching resources. This will take place, **Monday, February 1st in the Community Room at Casa**. We will begin our meeting at 9:30 (note the earlier time) and the workshop portion will begin at 10:00 a.m. Christine and Kate will confirm technical requirements for set up. Kate will email Christine a copy of resources that can be handed out. Christine will forward information to teachers. Christine will ask Georgio's for a gift certificate for a door prize. Please support our branch by attending.

Christine passed around the latest clippings from the Herald, a thank you card from a student award winner and the article on our Branch which appeared in the Lethbridge Public Library publication.

Save the date for our awards fundraising recital on June 10th featuring Jesse Plessis as performer. Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Further details such as program, start time, ticket sales and advertising will be scheduled for discussion at the January and February coffee meetings. Kate LaRocque's friend will be able to put together a poster for us for \$20. Christine will ask UPS to sponsor a portion of our copying expenses for programs and printing for posters.

Christine passed out receipts to those members who had had contributed to a one time Kiwanis Festival Award in honor of Joan Croskery.

Our next meeting will be February 1st at 9:30 a.m. at Casa. The workshop will follow at 10:00 a.m.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.