

LRMTA Minutes, November 7th 2016, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 5 members present: Christine Rogers, Karen MacDonald, Betty Jo Radley, Marilyn Sinclair and Doreen Laing.

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

Our current operating balance is \$740.25. This includes the deposit of fees collected from the Michele Wheatley-Brown workshop and the clinician fee and lunch expenses paid out. Our awards account balance is \$3322.33. Christine and Karen will stay at the conclusion of the meeting to update the books. The report was moved by Karen and seconded by Marilyn.

Karen gave a detailed ARMTA report following the ARMTA Board Meeting and AGM at the end of October. A plan involving outreach to Universities is being developed. Karen is collecting ideas for studio policies to be posted on the ARMTA website. It has been recommended that prizes for the ARMTA Student Composer Competition be raised. This will be passed at the February budget meeting. CFMTA will pursue issues regarding royalties to be paid to SOCAN which represents Canadian composers. 2017 will be the 85th Anniversary of ARMTA. \$500 will be available to each branch for an activity. More ARMTA pencils are available. Karen brought another box for Christine to have for distribution. ARMTA is considering no longer being a part of Music Conference Alberta and instead using its available PD funds for other activities that might better serve all members. There have been increased requests for bursaries. Marilyn brought up the issue of our ARMTA president, Marlaine Osgood, being an affiliate member and therefore unable to have a vote at the CFMTA level.

Christine updated members on the workshop with Magda Adamek on Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The U of L Conservatory will provide Stephure Hall at Casa free of charge. We will combine the workshop date with our monthly RMT meeting time and hopefully piggyback on attendance. We will have a short RMT business meeting at 9:30 a.m. before the workshop starts at 10:00 a.m. Other teachers from the community will be invited to the workshop. From 10:00 to 11:00, Magda will present her first topic in a lecture/demonstration format: developing a sense and awareness of piano tone in young players. From 11:00 to 12:00, the second topic—collaborative piano playing. If we can get 2 performer groups (piano duos, piano/voice, piano/violin, or other combinations) with students who would be able to get out of school, Magda will present this second topic in a masterclass format. **If you have piano duos (or trios!) that might be available for this, please check into it and let Christine know!** Magda has also offered to do private lessons after lunch at the charge of \$60 an hour. Stephure at Casa is available. Christine will continue with finalizing arrangements and keep teachers posted.

Because of the hard work of the ARMTA board and other ARMTA members, the percentage mark for private music study has been reinstated on the Alberta High School Transcript. Thank you to our hard working ARMTA members!

Christine, Karen, Marilyn, and Tamara were in attendance at Music Conference Alberta and the ARMTA AGM. Congratulations to Karen MacDonald on receiving recognition for 30 years of service and to Andrew Gierulski for receiving recognition for 25 years of service. Their awards will be acknowledged at our Annual Awards Presentation.

We will have the upstairs Public Library Showcase available for our Branch Display in September 2017. The bookings are offered by the Library and arranged by the Allied Arts Council.

The Royal Conservatory has released a new theory syllabus. There will be a workshop at Long and McQuade on November 14th, from 10:30 – 1:30. Sign up early. Space is limited. Registration is through the RCM website <http://www.rcmusic.ca/teacher-workshops-rsvp?province=AB>

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, November 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. We will be writing our award cheques. Your help would be welcome!

Check out the website for updates www.lrmta.com

Christine will look into more details for an ad in the Kiwanis Festival 2017 program to attract teachers to ARMTA. We will make a final decision once we confirm the cost.

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. **Please have your names to Karen by Monday, November 21st** so that Lorrie can have time to prepare the program and send it to Christine for printing. 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.

Thanks so much to the teachers and students who participated in the Saturday, November 5th workshop with Michele Wheatley-Brown! It was a great learning experience for everyone! A special thank you to Betty Jo Radley and Tamara Bowie for submitting students for the afternoon masterclass. It was so helpful to see the information Michele presented in the morning workshop applied in a masterclass situation. Thank you once again, to Betty Jo for her continued generosity in making her studio available for branch events. Thank you, Betty Jo!!

Keys to Piano is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th, 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 6th-11th, 2017 for our Awards Program. Please plan to support our efforts. Materials will be available at the January meeting.

Christine reported that \$500 is now available from ARMTA for Student Recognition Awards. We were able to adjust our original disbursement to include an additional 2 ARMTA winners from our branch awards. These should be available for presentation at our November 26th recital. Our branch will contribute \$1350 along with the \$500 from ARMTA for a total of \$1850 in awards this year. Award cheques will be written at the November coffee meeting.

Marilyn Sinclair has Joan Milton's music at her home until Christmas. Please call her at 329-9188 to arrange a time if you wish to look through it. Donations will be gratefully received. A decision will be made at a later date as to how we will use the money to honor Joan's memory.

CFMTA Branching Out 2017 will be an initiative celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday. \$100 is available to each branch in Canada over the next 2-year period. Members liked the idea of using the money for an award for the student receiving the highest mark on a Canadian piece in a practical exam for next year's 2017 branch awards.

Our next meeting will be January 9th at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.