

LRMTA Minutes, February 6th, 2017, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 5 members present: Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Betty Jo Radley, Marilyn Sinclair and Cheryl Hudak.

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

Christine gave the Treasurer's report in Karen's absence. Our current operating balance is \$527.92. Our awards account balance is \$1992.33. There are still a few outstanding awards cheques. Christine and Karen will be meeting to update the books this coming week. Cheques will be written for the Yates rehearsal rental reimbursement; the Kiwanis Festival ad design and the examiner's lunch reimbursement. Receipts will be written for the Yates rehearsal fees and the donations for the Joan Milton memorial awards. The report was moved by Christine and seconded by Linda.

The Kiwanis Festival has received our \$100 contribution for the annual awards that we sponsor.

ARMTA/LRMTA fees are due. A couple of members reported difficulty with their passwords and have been unable to access the members' area of the ARMTA website. Christine will check with the ARMTA Administrator. Deanna Oye is the new ARMTA Continuing Education Convenor.

Tentative plans are set for the workshop with Magda Adamek on Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Christine will make contact with Magda and ARMTA to finalize arrangements. 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. 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, she will present 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. Linda Dickey will check with some of her students to see if they might be available. **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 Hall at Casa is available. ARMTA has granted us a \$250 Continuing Education grant.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, February 16th, 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.

Check out the website for updates and information regarding upcoming events and meetings at www.lrmta.com

Arrangements have been made with Yellow Pages to update Christine as contact for our account. She has also updated our ad with her phone number which will appear in the online Yellow Pages but since the deadline for changes had already passed, will not appear in the book until the year after this one. The ad for the Kiwanis Festival program to attract new teachers to LRMTA has been submitted and received by the Kiwanis Festival. We will be invoiced for the charge of \$125. A cheque for \$25 will be written to Stephanie Shank for her design fee. Christine is still looking into arrangements for a retractable banner. She will bring back details to the members.

Our next recital will be Saturday, March 18th at 2:30 p.m. in the Library Theatre Gallery. Lorrie Wittke will be convenor. We still need another convenor. Please contact Christine if you are available. If no one volunteers, Betty Jo and Karen will be there so they will be able to help out. Linda Dickey's student, Andy Sun will be our guest artist. The Practise-a-thon prizes will be presented at the conclusion of the recital.

Our Canada Music Week Recital has already been booked for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 25th, 2017 at the Public Library. It has been submitted to the City's list of Canada 150 Events.

Keys to Piano is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th, 2017 at Casa. Clinicians will be Deanna Oye and Krzysztof Jablonski. Details and registration form on the Conservatory Website: <http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/keys-piano-workshop>

Christine had hard copy brochures at the meeting. Fees have been reduced and there will be more supplemental activities. Also, a new quarter-day option for students 10 and under is available—great for students attending for the first time. The workshop is sponsored by both APTA and ARMTA.

The Practise-a-thon begins today. Christine will check one last time to see if Bonnie at Music Court will sponsor a prize. Mary Lee will be making final arrangements with the Symphony for ticket vouchers now that the February LSO concert is over. Ken Rogers donated some iTunes cards to use as prizes. All money and forms are due at the March 6th meeting. Late submissions will not be considered for prizes. If you can't make it to the meeting to drop off your forms and money, please call Christine and arrange for drop off or pick up before the meeting. Prizes will be awarded at the March 18th recital.

Ryan Kolodziej a former U of L student who has replaced Jesse Plessis as the new director of the Centric Festival, has submitted an application to the City of Lethbridge for funding. We are acting as a community partner. Christine has been assisting him with the application. A fundraiser will take place at the Plum Restaurant on May 7th and 8th. Tickets are \$100 with \$25 going to the Centric Festival. Tickets are available at the Plum.

Christine passed around a recent Herald article and thank you cards for awards from Linda Dickey's students. A thank you letter from Judith Ammann on behalf of ARMTA for our donation to the ARMTA Recognition Fund in memory of Joan Milton was received. The receipt was mailed to Brenda. She will drop it off at Christine's or bring it to the next meeting so that it can be filed with the financial information.

The Yates Festival rehearsal time has been arranged for March 15th. Fees have been collected and a cheque will be written to Betty Jo for reimbursement. Thanks to Betty Jo for arranging this!

Thanks to Betty Jo as well for arranging lunch with the RC examiner.

Christine and Marilyn brought the final 2 boxes of Joan Milton's music to the meeting. If anyone wants one final look before the remainder is recycled, please contact Christine. Donations will be gratefully received. Marilyn relayed that it was Joan's wish that any money raised would go to our awards program.

MOTION: Marilyn moved that the money we receive in donations for Joan's music and any other memorial donations be used to establish awards in Joan's memory to be presented in November at our annual awards presentation. Cheryl seconded. Carried.

We will determine the awards when we make arrangements in October for the year's awards. Marilyn relayed that when Mark Mitchell looked through the music at her house, he indicated he would like to contribute. Christine will follow up. Marilyn suggested that we approach Joan's son, Davin to see if he would like to present the awards next November at our presentation. She will also check with Davin to see if he wants to contribute.

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. It has been suggested that we use 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. We will make a motion at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be March 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Note: our April meeting will take place on April 10th because of Kiwanis Festival the week before.