

## **LRMTA Minutes, March 6th, 2017, Long and McQuade**

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 6 members present: Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Betty Jo Radley, Lorrie Wittke, Doreen Laing and Cheryl Hudak.

The agenda was approved by Linda with Lorrie seconding. The February minutes were approved as circulated by Betty Jo, seconded by Doreen.

Christine gave the Treasurer's report in Karen's absence. Our current operating balance is \$1993.13. Our awards account balance is \$1937.33. All awards cheques have been cashed. The operating account balance is deceptively high because the total balance reflects one of the Practise-a-thon deposits and the donations for the memorial awards for Joan Milton, which will all be transferred to the awards account. Outstanding expenses include the Yellow Pages ad, the Best Buy gift card for the Practise-a-thon, the Kiwanis Festival Program ad and the Library rental for our March 18<sup>th</sup> recital. LRMTA fees will be processed by ARMTA and then sent to the branch. Receipts were handed out for the Joan Milton memorial awards and the Kiwanis Festival Yates rehearsal. The report was moved by Christine and seconded by Linda.

### **ARMTA/LRMTA fees are due.**

If you have trouble accessing the ARMTA members' area or renewing your fees online, you can contact the ARMTA administrator, Vicki Martin: [admin@armta.ca](mailto:admin@armta.ca) or the webmaster, Carolyn Garritano: [web@armta.ca](mailto:web@armta.ca)

Christine thanked Marilyn Sinclair for attending the ARMTA board meeting on behalf of our branch in the absence of Karen MacDonald who is visiting her daughter. More details will be reported once the minutes have been circulated.

Tentative plans are set for the workshop with Magda Adamek on Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Christine is in the process of confirming 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 a.m., 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 and Doreen have students who are available. Magda has also offered to do private lessons after lunch at the charge of \$60 an hour from 2:00 to 3:30. Stephure Hall at Casa is available. ARMTA has granted us a \$250 Continuing Education grant.

The Allied Arts Council AGM will take place Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Casa. Lorrie and Betty Jo thought they might be able to attend on our behalf. Christine will send them the information.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, March 9<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. Please come help determine the Practise-a-thon prizes.

Check out the website for updates and information regarding upcoming events and meetings at [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

Christine reported that to have our logo vectorized by Stephanie Shank will be a \$40 charge. Christine has drafted designs for a retractable banner and will circulate these to gain feedback from members. This will be a project for next year's advertising budget.

Doreen offered to place some of our brochures in the display at City Hall. She and Christine will make arrangements.

Our next recital will be Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Library Theatre Gallery. Lorrie Wittke will be convenor. Please have your titles submitted to Lorrie before Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>. Betty Jo and Karen will help out at the recital. 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. Christine will drop off the prizes with Lorrie once they are determined and will prepare the back page of the program.

Betty Jo will contact Deanna Oye to see if the U of L Recital Hall will be available for our final general recital.

Our Canada Music Week Recital has already been booked for 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Public Library. It has been submitted to the City's list of Canada 150 Events. **Please note: this will be an ALL CANADIAN program.**

Teachers discussed the recent *Keys to Piano* workshop. Teachers who attended thought it was an excellent event for both teachers and students. One teacher voiced her concern about the low turnout of Registered Music Teachers.

Teachers returned Practise-a-thon envelopes. Christine will make a deposit as soon as possible. The prizes will be determined at the coffee meeting on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Teachers will be notified of winners. If your students cannot be there to receive their prize, please make sure that you attend or make arrangements for prizes to be picked up before the recital.

A thank you card from a student of Cheryl Hudak's for a branch award was circulated.

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. **Cheryl made a motion that we use the money for an award (or awards) for the student(s) receiving the highest mark on a Canadian piece in a practical exam for the 2017 branch awards. The parameters of the award(s) will be determined at a later meeting. The motion was seconded by Doreen. Carried.**

A discussion followed concerning mentorship ideas for our group. It was suggested that we bring this to one of our coffee and conversation meetings. Observation of lessons (with student and parent permission), a workshop featuring method books and a music swap were also suggested as ideas our branch could pursue as a way to help out new members or younger teachers.

**Our next meeting will be April 10th at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade.** Please note the change from the first Monday of the month to accommodate the Kiwanis Festival. Everyone is most welcome to attend.