

LRMTA Minutes November 2nd, 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 Karen seconding. The September minutes were approved as circulated by Karen, seconded by Marilyn.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. Our operating balance is \$681.85 and our awards account balance is \$3553.40. Christine recently purchased more copies (1000 for \$60) from UPS. Karen moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report, seconded by Linda.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2016 are March 7<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline is January 5<sup>th</sup>.

ARMTA news: Karen updated members on recent ARMTA news from the Board meeting in Red Deer at the end of October. More information will be available once the ARMTA minutes are circulated. ARMTA will be absorbing insurance increases (\$5) and fees for online dues payment so that our annual membership registration will not be going up this year. The Board is also making it a priority to look into viable ways to increase membership and involvement provincially.

A discussion followed concerning the requirements for the ARMTA Provincial Recognition Fund Awards. This year there was a 3-way tie for our senior practical award. It is difficult for ARMTA to split the amounts. Christine explained the recommendation that teachers at the October coffee meeting had suggested.

Joan Milton moved and Kate LaRocque seconded that for this year for the 3-way tie, we have ARMTA split the \$100 award into two \$50 awards and we subsidize a 3rd \$50 award from our awards fund. All in favour. Carried.

Next, a discussion followed concerning how to change the requirements for ARMTA awards to eliminate ties. Christine informed the members of the idea offered by Kate LaRocque and discussion at our October coffee meeting.

Kate LaRocque moved and Marilyn Sinclair seconded that for the future we adopt the following policy: *3 awards of \$100 each to outstanding students who meet the requirements of Branch Awards to be determined by committee before the disbursement of annual Branch award amounts. (The ARMTA Provincial Recognition Fund Award will replace what was previously a Branch Award for the 3 winning students.)* All in favour. Carried.

Check out the Canada Music Week displays in the showcases at the Public Library Main Branch for the month of November!

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, November 19th 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 preparing the awards cheques and envelopes for our Annual Awards Presentation.

Kate will update our website with the group photos taken at our September meeting.

Christine related information from Breeanne Fuller from the Conservatory regarding the posting of our Member Directory on the Casa bulletin board. It is Casa policy (not the Conservatory's) to post only events and not long term information. Linda requested that Christine ask whether or not our members could be recommended if piano students cannot be accommodated by the Conservatory because of scheduling.

Christine also related that she and Breeanne Fuller are looking for ways for our groups to work together.

Check out the website for updates including a musical term feature on the home page at [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)

While looking through all of the ARMTA Annual Reports, Christine noticed that Calgary and Edmonton have changed or are in the process of changing their websites to a more tablet friendly version. Christine will check in with webmaster Carolyn Garritano and see what the process would be and whether or not it would be worth it.

It was decided to renew our Yellow Pages ad. When the renewal comes, Brenda will work with Karen to have the invoices sent directly to her in the future.

The Library is confirmed for our Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library, Main Branch. **Karen MacDonald and Joan Milton will be the convenors. Karen will take the names. Please make sure your entries for the recital are submitted at least one week before. Please make every effort to submit Canadian selections.** Karen will forward the program to Christine by Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> and Christine will take care of the printing. Teachers were asked to check with any senior students to see if they might play O Canada at the recital. If no one is available, Christine will do it. CMW Pencils have been ordered from CFMTA.

Dates for future recitals are as follows: Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 for Adults and 7:00 for the Christmas drop-in at Betty Jo's studio--Brenda offered to help convene; March 5<sup>th</sup> for our Festival Preparation recital—McKillop United Church is confirmed for the location; and May 28<sup>th</sup> for our final adult get-together.

Next year's *Keys to Piano* Workshop is booked for February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Casa. Derek Chiu (Provincial RC Rep) and a colleague of his, Dr. Ross Osmun will be the clinicians. Please reserve these dates and plan to support our group by attending and promoting it to your students. Brochures should be available shortly.

To connect to teachers in our community, promote the *Keys to Piano* workshop, and participate in CFMTA Branching Out this year, we will plan for a presentation at our February meeting for teachers in our community. Kate will present apps and websites which can be used as teaching resources. If needed Christine will also present tips for including theory in the practical lesson. Christine will look into booking arrangements for a space.

Awards cheques and envelopes will be prepared at our coffee meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Linda Davies. Please join us if you are able. Your help would be most welcome.

After discussion and feedback from Jesse Plessis, it was decided that our ticket prices for the awards fundraising recital on June 10<sup>th</sup> featuring Jesse as performer, will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Further details such as program, start time, ticket sales and advertising will be scheduled for the January coffee meeting.

A number of members have contributed to a one time Kiwanis Festival Award in honor of Joan Croskery. Christine will make the arrangements.

A reminder that the memorial service for Marilyn Sinclair's husband Al, will take place at McKillop United Church on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Linda brought up the idea of a Baroque music workshop and recital which would allow students to play on a harpsichord. We will begin looking into the possibility of such an event. If anyone has any ideas or would be willing to help with planning, please contact Christine.

Our next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.