

LRMTA Minutes October 5th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 6 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Tamara Bowie, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Kate LaRocque, and Linda Dickey.

The agenda was approved by Betty Jo with Marilyn seconding, with the addition of two points: the 4 Star online Ear Training, and the Piano Class Festival. The September minutes were approved as circulated by Kate, seconded by Betty Jo.

In Karen's absence, Christine gave the balances. Our operating balance is \$651.65 and our awards account balance is \$3553.40. Christine moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report, seconded by Linda.

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

ARMTA news: Music Conference Alberta will take place October 22nd to 24th in Red Deer. Please see details on the website at: <http://armta.ca/upcoming-events/#!event/2015/10/22/music-conference-alberta-2015-in-red-deer>

The ARMTA Provincial Board meeting will take place on Thursday, October 22nd and the Annual General Meeting on October 23rd.

We have the Library showcases booked for November. A Canada Music Week display is planned. If you are available to help set up at the Library after our November 2nd meeting for a half hour to 45 minutes, please let Christine know.

Next followed a discussion concerning the new 4 Star Online Ear Training resources at RCM. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact our Provincial RCM Rep, Derek Chiu. His email is: derek.chiu@rcmusic.ca

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, October 15th 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 disbursing the awards amounts for our Branch awards and determining the 3 ARMTA Recognition Fund Awards.

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

Linda brought up concerns regarding our RMT Directory poster not being allowed to be posted on the Casa Board. Christine will relay concerns to Breeanne Fuller at the Conservatory.

The Library is confirmed for our Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation on Saturday, November 21st 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. Please make sure your entries for the recital are submitted at least one week before. Kate made the motion, seconded by Tamara that Christine order Canada Music Week supplies from CFMTA. Dates for future recitals are as follows: Friday, December 11th at 5:30 for Adults and 7:00 for the Christmas drop-in at Betty Jo's studio; March 5th for our Festival Preparation recital and May 28th for our final adult get-together. Marilyn will look into the availability of McKillop United Church for our March 5th recital. Christine reported that there is a new Yamaha C3 Piano in the Theatre Gallery of the Library Main Branch. They are looking for events to promote the new piano.

Next year's *Keys to Piano* Workshop is booked for February 26th and 27th, 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.

We will plan for a presentation in May for teachers in our community. We invite any members of our branch who are interested, to give short presentations on any teaching or music topic of their choice. We have excellent, qualified teachers in our group with lots of experience and we can all learn from sharing ideas. Please let Christine know if you have a topic or idea that you would like to share.

Members handed in their First Class honors marks for our Branch awards. If you have late entries, please contact Christine before October 12th.

Christine informed members that Jesse Plessis has been approached to perform a recital as a fundraiser for our awards program. Casa is available on Friday, June 10th and has been tentatively booked. A fee of 20% of ticket sales or \$200 (whichever is more) has been suggested for Jesse's performance. Betty Jo moved that we pursue this event. Seconded by Linda. Details such as program, start time, ticket sales and advertising will be scheduled for another meeting or coffee meeting.

Christine has circulated the results of the fee survey by email. Hard copies will be sent to those members without email.

Christine recommended Royal Class Piano Service (Phone: 403-380-4775) for any piano moving needs of teachers or students based on her recent experience having her piano moved in her living room.

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

Condolences were extended to Marilyn Sinclair on the passing of her husband, Al. The memorial service will take place at McKillop United Church on November 14th at 3:00 p.m.

Marilyn reported that the Piano Class Festival is looking into holding voice and speech arts classes in conjunction with the piano classes in May of 2016 pending the availability of adjudicator, Heather MacNab from Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

Our next meeting will be November 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.