

LRMTA Minutes, April 10th, 2017, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 6 members present: Christine Rogers, Brenda Lockmuller, Betty Jo Radley, Marilyn Sinclair, Karen MacDonald and Cheryl Hudak.

The agenda was approved by Karen with Brenda seconding. The March minutes were approved as circulated by Marilyn, seconded by Karen.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. Our current operating balance as of the March 31st statement is \$4085.13. Our awards account balance is \$1937.33. The operating account balance is deceptively high because the total balance reflects 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 cards for the Practise-a-thon, the Kiwanis Festival Program ad and the Library rental for our March 18th recital. Karen and Christine will stay after the meeting to update the books. LRMTA fees will be processed by ARMTA and then sent to the branch. The report was moved by Karen and seconded by Cheryl.

A short discussion followed concerning the recent Kiwanis Festival.

Christine thanked Marilyn Sinclair for attending the February ARMTA board meeting on behalf of our branch. More details regarding the SOCAN fees will be circulated in the next ARMTA email update.

The Magda Adamek workshop will take place on Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Stephure Hall at Casa. The U of L Conservatory will provide Stephure Hall and two pianos at Casa free of charge. We will combine the workshop with our monthly RMT meeting. **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 have been invited to the workshop. From 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Magda will present her first topic: 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. Two piano duos (students of Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing—thank you!) will be available for the collaborative piano presentation. We will take Magda to lunch at Streatside after the workshop. Betty Jo, Christine, and Karen will be attending lunch. Any other teachers who would like to attend are most welcome and can contact Christine so that she can make a reservation. **Magda has also offered to do private lessons after lunch at the charge of \$60 an hour from 2:00 to 3:30. Any students or teachers are welcome to take advantage of the private lessons. Call Christine to make arrangements.** ARMTA has given us a \$250 Continuing Education grant. Make your LRMTA and ARMTA fees count! Also, a BIG thank you to Betty Jo for helping us keep costs down by hosting Madga at her home! Posters were circulated and will be put up at a few places around the city.

Thank you to Lorrie, who attended the Allied Arts Council AGM on March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. at Casa. Christine shared notes that Lorrie had prepared. Thanks to Betty Jo and Christine who attended the Performing Arts Centre Advocacy Group's presentation to City Council on April 3rd. Christine has been approached by Kelaine Devine from the AAC to put together information for a feature article on LRMTA in ArtsBridge Magazine.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, April 20th, 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 discussing next year's professional development presentations and ideas to implement for mentorship.

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

Because of a design/printing error, the Kiwanis Festival Program ad fee has been reduced to \$65.

After discussion it was decided to go ahead with having our logo vectorized by Stephanie Shank for \$40.

MOTION: Brenda moved that we make arrangements with Stephanie Shank to have our logo vectorized for \$40. Betty Jo seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Christine reported that the red design for a stand up banner had the most votes from those teachers who responded. She will proceed with the final design and present it at a future meeting for approval.

Thank you to Lorrie, Betty Jo and Karen for convening the March 18th recital. After discussion it was decided that May 27th would be the best date for our final recital in the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall, even though we will have to pay \$15/hour for a student stage manager because Deanna is away. Betty Jo will contact Deanna Oye to make the final arrangements and confirm time. Christine will make Insurance Certificate arrangements with ARMTA and send them to the University. Recital entries can be emailed to Christine. Our final adult student get-together will be Saturday, June 3rd at 10:30 a.m. at Betty Jo's. Thanks again to Betty Jo for hosting!

Our **Canada Music Week Recital** will be **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. **Please note: this will be an ALL CANADIAN program.**

Professional development opportunities and mentorship ideas will be discussed at the next coffee meeting. Please send any ideas to Christine.

After discussion it was decided to pay for the second \$100 Best Buy Gift Card (Practise-a-thon Grand Prize tie) out of next year's budget. Karen and Christine will make the arrangements when the local fees are returned from ARMTA.

MOTION: Marilyn moved that we cover the expense for the second Best Buy Gift card from our operating account. Betty Jo seconded. All in Favor. Carried.

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. After some discussion the motion made at the previous meeting (March 6th: *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.*) was rescinded. This was moved by Brenda and seconded by Karen. All in favor. Carried. After further discussion, a second motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Betty Jo moved that we use the \$100 from CFMTA plus \$50 from LRMTA for 3 Canada 150 door prizes of \$50 each for students, to be drawn at our November Canada Music Week Recital. Seconded by Karen. All in favor. Carried.

The names of those students participating in the recital will go into the draw which will be made at the end of the recital. Students will need to be in attendance to receive the prize. The door prizes will be in cash.

The Centric Festival is looking for volunteers (ushers, ticket takers, etc.) July 5th to 8th. Volunteers will receive free admission. Please let Christine know if you are available. Brenda and Christine volunteered.

Christine passed around a recent Herald photograph featuring Deanna Oye from the *Keys to Piano* Workshop.

Deadline for Piano Class Festival is April 15th. Contact Karen or Marilyn for more information.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOTION: Betty Jo moved that we accept the following as our executive for the 2017-2018 year. Seconded by Marilyn. All in favor. Carried.

Executive: 2017-2018

President: Christine Rogers

Vice-President: Brenda Lockmuller

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Karen MacDonald

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort

Provincial Rep: Karen MacDonald

Thank you to all who have agreed to contribute to our branch in a leadership position (and in one case, two!). Thank you to Kate LaRocque for her years of service as Secretary! We wish her good luck as she continues her education with a Master's Degree in Counselling.

MOTION: Karen MacDonald moved that we change our fiscal year to August 1st to July 31st. Brenda seconded. All in favor. Carried.

Our next meeting will be Monday, May 8th at 9:30 a.m. in Stephure Hall at Casa. We will have a very short business meeting and begin the workshop with Magda Adamek at 10:00. Please note the change of time. Everyone is most welcome to attend.