

LRMTA Minutes, April 4th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 7 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Kate LaRocque, Karen MacDonald, Linda Dickey and Brenda Lockmuller.

The agenda was approved by Karen with Linda seconding. The March minutes were approved by Linda, seconded by Karen.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. Our operating balance is \$747.23 and our awards account balance is \$2069.30. The final outstanding cheques for our awards account have cleared. Brenda has received the Yellow Pages renewal invoice and given it to Karen. Karen will transfer her address as the invoice contact and arrange for payment. Brenda will contact Yellow Pages to have the phone number changed to Christine's for next printing. Christine will contact Stephanie Shank for an invoice for the Jessie Plessis poster. Karen moved the acceptance of the financial report. Seconded by Betty Jo.

ARMTA news: We have received a \$250 Sponsorship from ARMTA Continuing Education for the Michele Wheatley-Brown workshop on Nov. 5th, 2016. ARMTA pencils and brochures are available for promotion of ARMTA. We will use them at future events. The CFMTA Conference and Piano Competition will take place in Baltimore, March 2017. There are a few outstanding ARMTA membership renewals. Christine will contact the teachers with a reminder.

Christine deferred the RCM Certification item until later.

Christine read a letter she had drafted regarding the issue of Alberta Education only using a P for Pass on High School transcripts for those students receiving credits for private music study and RC exam completion. Betty Jo moved the approval of the letter, Linda seconded. Christine will make arrangements.

Christine has been informed of a new member whose application has been processed by ARMTA. Christine will make contact and welcome him to our branch.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, April 21st, 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 helping with the scheduling for the Piano Class Festival.

Check out the website for updates www.lrmta.com

Brenda has received the Yellow Pages renewal. Karen will make arrangements to receive the renewals directly in the future. Karen will also make arrangements to pay the bill. Brenda will look into having the contact number changed to Christine's phone number. The Kiwanis Festival program will be considered in the fall as a possibility for advertising to attract new teachers to our organization.

May 28th is set for a harpsichord workshop (2:30 p.m.) and recital (3:30 p.m.) at the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall. Thanks to Deanna Oye for making this opportunity possible! Karen will put together information about how the harpsichord is constructed and Linda will put together information about the history of the harpsichord. Christine will make a handout for students using the previous information and some general beginner tips for solo harpsichord playing. Our final Adult Get-Together is Saturday, June 4th at 2:30 p.m. at Christine's at 1621 Lakeshore Road S. Since this is a smaller space

than Betty Jo's studio, please let her know by Friday, June 3rd how many of your students will be participating. It was suggested that we look into booking dates for next year's recitals: November 26th for Canada Music Week and one of March 11th, 18th or 25th for our Spring recital with first choice being the 18th. Betty Jo will look into the availability of the Library. It was decided that we would once again try to arrange for a group rehearsal booking at the Yates for next year before Festival.

The *Keys to Piano* Workshop is tentatively booked for the first weekend in March 2017. To help provide stable funding for the event, sponsorship will be pursued. Christine will be approaching ARMTA and APTA.

Christine reviewed the executive positions for our Annual General Meeting. Thank you to those who have volunteered their time to lead our branch! A special thank you to Joan Milton for her years of service as ARMTA rep! We greatly appreciate the time she has devoted to keeping us informed of provincial matters.

The following positions were moved by Betty Jo and seconded by Marilyn. All were in favor. Carried.

President: Christine Rogers

Vice president: vacant

Secretary: Kate LaRocque

Corresponding Secretary: Mary Lee Voort

Treasurer: Karen MacDonald

ARMTA Rep: Karen MacDonald

Kate is developing a survey for music teachers so that we can find out what keeps them from joining ARMTA. She and Christine will make the final changes. Hopefully the information gathered will help us in approaching potential members. Kate moved and Linda seconded that we purchase a \$25 gift card to use as an incentive in a prize draw for teachers participating in the survey.

The Piano Class Festival deadline for application is April 15th. Information is on the website at

<http://lrmta.com/index.php/informatio/studentsparents/piano-class-fest/>

Entry forms are available from Marilyn Sinclair. There are also some at the Casa Conservatory reception desk. Entry forms can be dropped off at Marilyn Sinclair's home at 335-20th St. N. The back door will be open. Go up the stairs into her studio—there will be an envelope on the table for forms and cheques. More entry forms will need to be printed for next year. If anyone has ideas for updates, please contact Karen.

Save the date for our awards fundraising recital at 7:30 p.m. on June 10th in the Community Room at Casa featuring Jesse Plessis as performer! Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Kate's friend Stephanie Shank has designed an amazing poster. Christine will contact her for an invoice and arrange for payment. Tickets and handouts will be finalized. All materials will be available at the May meeting. Cheryl Kylo at UPS has agreed to sponsor all of our printing. We will be including an acknowledgement in the program. As a branch we will purchase a 3-4 student tickets and use them for door prizes for students at our May 28th recital. Other teachers will be using tickets for prizes in their studios. Kate suggested that teachers might exchange a free half hour lesson if students attend or allow students to use the recital as practise time. If you have any ideas to share for promotion, please contact Christine so she can share them with other teachers. Volunteers will be needed at the recital as ticket sellers, ticket takers and ushers. Kate, Brenda and Lorrie have volunteered. 2 or 3 more volunteers will be needed that evening. Please contact Christine if you are willing to help. After discussion, it was decided that we strongly encourage every teacher in our branch to sell at least one ticket (it can be for

the teacher) to support our fundraising for our awards program. Teachers are also encouraged to promote the recital as much as possible. Please make an extra effort to contact students and parents by email, phone or in person at lessons and encourage them to attend. Tickets will be available at the May meeting for teachers to sell to their students.

Saturday, November 5th, 2016 has been set for our workshop with Michele Wheatley-Brown. Space will be limited. Registration will open at our September meeting. The tentative schedule is as follows:

Venue: Betty Jo Radley's studio-810 Kodiak Bay North

9:30-12:30: 3-hour workshop: What every musician needs to know about the body (\$50 per person, 8 minimum, 20 maximum)

12:30-1:30 lunch—Supply lunch for those staying for master class—maybe build into price

1:30-3:30 Master class: 6 students: 20 minutes each (\$35/student)

3:30-4:00 break

4:00-5:30 or 6:00 private lessons (\$75/hour)

Group supper at Restaurant

Please see Michele's website for more information: www.mindbodymusic.ca

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