

LRMTA Minutes February 1st, Community Room, Casa

Christine called the meeting to order in the Community Room at Casa. There were 9 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Kate LaRocque, Joan Milton, Karen MacDonald Andrew Gierulski, Doreen Laing and Linda Dickey.

The agenda was approved by Doreen with Marilyn seconding. The January minutes were approved by Linda, seconded by Karen.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. Our operating balance is \$705.63 and our awards account balance is \$2099.30. Upcoming expenses include the Allied Arts Council fee renewal of \$75, the Examiner's lunch reimbursement, the Yellow Pages ad and the rental of the Community Room for the February workshop.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2016 are March 7th-19th. Adjudicators are Jr. Piano: March 14-16 Marliis Gunderson and Sr. Piano: March 9-11 Michael Oike. The Yates has been rented on Sunday, March 6th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. for senior student rehearsals. The student schedule will be finalized and Betty Jo will be reimbursed. Thanks to Betty Jo for making arrangements.

ARMTA news: Annual Fees are due by Feb. 28th to receive the early bird rate of \$130 for provincial and \$35 for local, a total of \$165. Please see notices from ARMTA for renewal options. Contact Christine if you have questions. ARMTA Continuing Education will be sponsoring Keys to Piano with a \$300 grant. Thanks to ARMTA! Karen and Joan will pick up ARMTA promotional pencils and brochures at the next board meeting.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, February 18th, 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.

Check out the website for updates www.lrmta.com

When the Yellow Pages renewal comes, Brenda will work with Karen to have the invoices sent directly to Karen in the future.

The Kiwanis Festival Preparation Recital will take place March 5th at McKillop United Church at 2:30 p.m. Karen MacDonald and Joan Milton will be convenors. Karen will take the names and Christine will print the program. Please have the names to Karen by Monday, February 29th. Although this is a chance for students to try out Festival repertoire, all students are welcome to participate. Natasha Toney, a graduating student of Deanna Oye's at the University of Lethbridge will be our guest performer. Christine relayed information about the availability of the U of L Recital for our final recital. She will contact Deanna Oye and Amanda Berg for other possibilities. May 28th is planned for our final adult get-together.

Keys to Piano Workshop will be February 26th and 27th, 2016 at Casa. Derek Chiu (Provincial RC Rep) and a colleague of his, Dr. Ross Osmun will be the clinicians. Please support our branch by attending yourself and encouraging your students to attend. Follow the links:

Information:

<http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/keys-piano-workshop>

Brochure:

http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/sites/conservatory/files/Keys%20to%20Piano%20Workshop%20Brochure_2016.pdf

Registration Form to print: http://www.uleth.ca/music-conservatory/sites/conservatory/files/Keys%20to%20Piano%20Workshop%20Registration%20Form_bse_dits.pdf

Thanks to Georgio's Restaurant for donating a gift certificate for a door prize for our February 1st Workshop! Visit their website at <http://georgiosdining.com/>

Registered Music Teachers are invited to attend the University of Lethbridge *Conservatory's Lunch and Listen* presentation from noon-1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26th in the Penner Classroom on the 2nd floor of Casa. Derek Chiu, RC Provincial Rep will give a FREE session regarding the RCM Teacher Certification Program.

Save the date for our awards fundraising recital on June 10th featuring Jesse Plessis as performer! Tickets will be \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Further details such as program, start time, ticket sales and advertising will be scheduled for discussion at the January and February coffee meetings. Kate LaRocque's friend will be able to put together a poster for us for \$20. Christine will ask UPS to sponsor a portion of our copying expenses for programs and printing for posters.

Saturday, November 5th, 2016 has been set for our workshop with Michele Wheatley-Brown. The tentative schedule is as follows:

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 for more information: www.mindbodymusic.ca

Thanks to Kate for sharing her knowledge with us at the workshop which followed the meeting!

Our next meeting will be March 7th at 10:00 a.m. Long and McQuade.

Everyone is most welcome to attend.