

LRMTA Minutes Monday, November 6th, 2017 Long and McQuade

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Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 5 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Betty Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, and Karen MacDonald.

Linda moved the acceptance of the agenda with the addition of Royal Conservatory news to be presented by Marilyn. Karen seconded. Betty Jo moved the acceptance of the September minutes as circulated with Marilyn seconding.

Karen gave the Treasurer's report. The account balances as of November 5th are: Operating Account: \$799.80 and the Awards Account: \$5701.38. Karen and Christine will stay after the meeting to pay some bills and update the records.

The Music Festival will take place March 12-24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the registration deadline is Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Adjudicators will be Dale Jackson, Senior Piano, March 14-17 and Diana Wiens, Junior Piano, March 20-23. Because of the closure of the Yates this year, piano classes will be held in the Community Room at Casa, the Public Library Theatre Gallery, and Southminster. Classes with 2 pianos will be held in the Casa Community Room. Linda Dickey contacted Natasha Tompkins (Festival General Manager) who indicated that Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> might be available for a rehearsal in the Community Room. Linda Dickey will look into details. Natasha can be reached for questions by email at [generalmanager@lethmsf.org](mailto:generalmanager@lethmsf.org)

Karen and Marilyn reported on the date for the Piano Class Festival this year. It will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Please note the change of week from the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May to the 4<sup>th</sup> week in May.

Christine attended the ARMTA AGM at Music Conference Alberta and reported on recent ARMTA developments. Thank you to Brenda for offering to act as our Provincial Rep! Thanks to Tamara Bowie who was able to attend part of the Board Meeting in Red Deer on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. **ARMTA fees will be increased by \$5 to \$145 per year for full and affiliate memberships beginning with the 2018-2019 membership.** This increase has been implemented to cover the increase in the CFMTA membership fee. Please note that ARMTA has absorbed two previous fee increases, one for insurance and one for CFMTA increases. ARMTA is exploring the possibility of a professional development requirement for continued membership. Christine will draft an email for feedback from members. Congratulations to Milestone Award recipients: Isabelle Slater (30), Mary Lee Voort (35), Doreen Laing (60). Christine will continue to follow up on the SOCAN fee issue.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, November 16th, at 9:00 a.m. (Please note the change in time) at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. (Not 5A). Please call Betty Jo at 403-329-1655 or Linda at 403-328-6085 to let them know if you will be attending. We will be preparing the cheques and envelopes for awards. Please join us if you are able.

Long and McQuade will be moving to a new store sometime in the New Year. They will be unable to host our meetings while they prepare for the move. Linda Dickey will check with the manager to see if there will be a space for us to meet in the new store. She will also check to see if they will be able to post our member signboard at the new store.

Thank you to Lorrie Wittke who updated our Kijiji ad. Christine has been unable to contact Stephanie Shank regarding updating our logo, so she has approached the University of Lethbridge Printing Services. They will be able to vectorize our logo so that it has a transparent background and can be stretched infinitely large for \$75 plus GST.

**MOTION:** After discussion, Linda moved that we go ahead and have the University of Lethbridge do the work for us. Karen seconded. Carried.

Christine will make arrangements. She will also check into a redesign of our banner to feature a music theme rather than a piano theme.

Christine reported that Southminster United Church Sanctuary rents for \$50 per hour for rehearsals and small functions. We will keep this in mind for a possible recital venue.

Our Canada Music Week Recital will be Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. in the Lethbridge Public Library. **The Library is currently being renovated. Please use the temporary entrance off the parking lot to the left and just before the entrance to the Children's Library.** A map will be sent in an email update to circulate to students. **Please note: In honor of Canada 150 this will be an all Canadian Program. Please wear red and or white or a Canada themed article of clothing and encourage your students to do the same.** We will use our CFMTA Branching Out grant to offer 3 door prizes of \$50 each (cash) to students participating in the recital. We will also offer 6 \$10 iTunes cards and 4 student tickets to our January 20<sup>th</sup> Fundraising Recital for door prizes as well. Students' names will be drawn at the end of the program. Thank you to Linda Dickey who is preparing students to play O Canada as a duet. We will listen to the anthem rather than sing it. Christine will confirm cake arrangements with Tamara. Tamara, and Betty Jo will be convenors. Tamara will take names and make up the program. Please have names to Tamara by Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> if possible.

The Christmas recital activities will take place on December 9<sup>th</sup> in Betty Jo's Studio at 810 Kodiak Bay N. The adult meeting will be at 9:30 and the student performance will take place at 10:30. Brenda will be convenor with Betty Jo. Please call Betty Jo and let her know which of your students will be attending. (Reminder: this is no longer a drop in format: all students are to arrive for the 10:30 start time.)

Our Festival Prep Recital is booked at the Library for Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 2:30 p.m. Thank you to Lorrie Wittke and Karen MacDonald who will be convenors.

Our piano awards this year will be presented in honor of Joan Milton. Marilyn has contacted her son, Davin and he and his partner Amber will be available to help with the presentation at the Canada Music Week Recital.

Christine will work with members to plan professional development opportunities for next year and put together a proposal for ARMTA Continuing Education.

Keys to Piano will take place at Casa on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. Clinicians will be Cheryl Emery-Karapita and Magdalena Von Eccher.

The Lethbridge Branch will be acting as a sponsor for The Centric Festival this year so that they can apply for City of Lethbridge funding. The Festival will take place July 6-8, 2018. Performers this year will include: guitarists Dale Ketcheson and Iliana Matos; violinist Andrew Wan; Camille Rogers, mezzo-soprano; pianists Alison Kilgannon, John-Paul Ksiazek and Ryan Kolodziej; Airdrie Robinson, violinist and Christine Bootland, cellist. The major collaborative concert, will explore the music of Claude Debussy—2018 is the 100th anniversary of his death.

The Christopher Norton workshop took place on Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful presentation! 15 students and teachers attended. Unfortunately we were not able to break even—with his fee and the rental of the Library we came up \$65 short.

We will be presenting a Fundraising Recital featuring duo John-Paul Ksiazek and Graeme Roset, both graduates of the University of Lethbridge and Conservatory teachers. They will present a program featuring Mozart's two piano sonata and a two piano arrangement of Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue. It will take place in the ATB Financial Community Room at Casa on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Tickets will be \$20 regular and \$15 students. Volunteers will be needed as ushers and to sell tickets at the door. Please reserve this date and support our branch!

Christine will pursue the possibility of hosting a Contemporary Showcase non-competitive Festival in Lethbridge in conjunction with Canada Music Week.

Christine asked for feedback before moving forward with a possible workshop with Jennifer Latta on Piano Yoga. It was suggested that the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September 2018 might be a great to start the year. Christine will continue with arrangements.

A discussion followed regarding a late awards entry.

Marilyn informed members that Doreen Laing will be receiving an award from the Royal Conservatory. We will plan an appropriate time when a representative from the Royal Conservatory is in Lethbridge to present the award.

Discussion followed regarding Long and McQuade. They will be moving to a new building sometime in the New Year and we have been informed that this will be the last meeting we can hold there. Betty Jo offered her studio and Christine offered her home. Our next meeting will be Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at Betty Jo's studio at 810 Kodiak Bay North. Directions will be circulated in an email update.

Minutes prepared by Christine Rogers