

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday, September 13th, 2004

Christine Rogers brought the meeting to order in her home. There were 15 members present.

Linda Dickey moved the acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Doreen Laing. Carried.

Marilyn Sinclair moved that the minutes of our June meeting be accepted as circulated. Rina Lichtenwald seconded. Carried.

Corrie Hausauer gave the Treasurer's Report. Our Chequing account balance is \$500.69 and our Scholarship account has a balance of \$2,841.32. Corrie moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and Carol Bishel seconded. Carried.

Corrie then passed out the budget and went through it with the members. Joan Milton moved that it be accepted. Marilyn Sinclair seconded. Carried.

Christine thanked Linda Dickey for volunteering to be the Vice-President.

Christine passed out a brochure given to us by Deanna Oye from the Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Lethbridge. Deanna is an active member of our association but will not be able to attend all meetings because of her commitments during the mornings at the University. It will be nice to have a representative from the Music Department at the University. Welcome Deanna!

Christine proceeded to pass out the updated Directory, the Letterhead, Recital Rules and Guidelines for Recitals, Recital Form Letter, and the yearly Calendar to those who had not received it through e-mail.

Linda Dickey gave an update on the upcoming workshop by Dale Wheeler. It will be held sometime in the spring (tentatively May 7th). She has contacted him again and he should let her know hopefully within the next week or two of the details. She will have more information at our next meeting.

Christine gave a report about the yearly fundraiser which will be a Teacher's Recital. Final plans are forthcoming. It will be held toward the end of January or February at the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. We are hoping to get Mark Rodger's *Cello* to be the guest artist at the recital but not confirmed yet. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let her know. There will be something for everyone to do – even those who are not performing such as programs, advertising etc.

Congratulations!! Lorrie Wittke had a new baby boy – 8 lbs. 13 oz. and is named Zane. She was unable to attend the meeting to give an update on the Business Licenses. However, Christine will keep in touch with Lorrie as to what to do regarding sending a letter or whether to visit the council in person. The consensus of the members was to wait until after the election and see what happens.

Corrie Hausauer passed out the new branch brochures which the music stores give out to those who want to know who the Registered Teachers are in this area. He will continue to monitor the stores to make sure they have some available for their customers.

Corrie also mentioned that he still has books of CFMTA raffle tickets available. A quilt will be raffled off to raise funds for CFMTA conference 2005 in Calgary. **If you are interested in buying tickets contact Corrie or Joan Milton.**

Christine mentioned the Music Alberta submission survey and as of yet there has been no feedback.

Corrie Hausauer will be talking to Deanna Oye regarding information being given to the graduating students regarding the benefits of joining the Registered Music Teachers Association and our branch.

There was a huge discussion regarding the June and August examinations. The consensus was that the senior examiner was a very hard marker and there were many complaints. Marilyn Sinclair will do some research in regards to Medicine Hat and their response and Linda Dickey and Marilyn will be writing a letter on our letterhead regarding our concerns for such low marks.

Doreen Laing gave a report on the Kiwanis Festival and read the minutes of their September 7th meeting. They will be increasing their fees to the adjudicators as well as the programs. The Festival will be held April 11th – 24th after Easter.

A short discussion about the Phillip Keveren workshop was held. He was a very nice man and the workshop was very enjoyable with lots of beautiful music.

A donation of \$100.00 was given to the Marion Swanston memorial and Christine passed out a thank you letter from the Music and Speech Arts Festival thanking us for our donation.

Linda Dickey passed out posters for the upcoming RC workshop with Christopher Kowal, Chief Examiner Practical Subjects which is being held at the Lethbridge Public Library, Theatre Gallery October 16th at 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. A grade 7 student is still needed for the mock exam at the workshop. If you have a student willing to do this, contact Linda Dickey immediately. A gift of \$25.00 will be given to the student as a thank you.

Andrew Gierulski gave an update on the Family Concerts Association and passed out posters that were available for advertising. The first one will be held September 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Southminster Hall entitled Easy Listening from the Great Masters. Music by Brahms, Debussy, Schubert and other outstanding composers. Performers: Deanna Oye – piano; Maria Geppert – violin; Elizabeth Herman – flute; Amy Davey – soprano; and Andrew Gierulski, piano, artistic director. Sounds like a great evening!

Christine mentioned that there are two schools needing accompanists. If you or a student would be willing to do this contact her and she will give you further information.

Glen Klaussen's wife, Sandra, and Cheryl Hudak are both looking for students.

The APTA conference is being held October 1st and 2nd in Leduc. If you are interested in attending contact Doreen Laing.

Margaret Nelson is having a huge music sale, September 19th, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at her home. She has lots of music and is selling sheet music for \$2.00 and books for \$5.00.

Christine handed out the convenor sign-up sheet for the tentative years recitals. Doreen Laing and Linda Dickey have volunteered to help with the awards for our November recital. Remember to bring your First Class Honour Student's names at our October meeting. The eligible exams would be December 2003 – August 2004. Theory and piano.

The meeting was then adjourned and a light brunch concluded the meeting.

Upcoming Concerts and Workshops:

1. **Family Concerts Association:** "Easy Listening from the Great Masters" September 24th, 7:00 p.m. at Southminster Hall. Tickets available at Leister's Music, The Music Court, or Note-Able Music. Also available at the door. Ticket prices: regular - \$7.00, children under 12 - \$5.00.
2. **APTA Conference:** October 1st and 2nd in Leduc, Alberta. Marvyn Blickenstaf Master Class. If interested, contact Doreen Laing.
3. **RC Workshop:** Christopher Kowal, Chief Examiner Practical Subjects at the Lethbridge Public Library, Theatre Gallery, October 16th at 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. (Mock exams for piano Grade 2 and 7 will be given).
4. **Next meeting:** October 4th at Note-Able Music at 9:30 a.m. Remember to bring the names of First Class Honour students.
5. **Margaret Nelson's Music Sale:** September 19th, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in her home.

Highlights and Reminders:

1. Our copy card at Staples is available for photocopies related to branch business. Members must initial their purchases.
2. Our website address is: lrmta.tymely.com
3. Raffle ticket books are available for CFMTA.s quilt raffle. Contact Corrie Hausauer at 380-6068 if you are interested.
4. Contact Linda Dickey 329-4874 if you have a student willing to play Grade 7 exam for the mock exam at the RC Workshop, October 16th, 2004.
5. Contact Christine Rogers at 327-2073 if you have any feedback or ideas for the Teacher's Recital Fundraiser.
6. Contact Rina Lichtenwald 380-6135 if there are changes to the sign-board to be made.