

## Minutes LRMTA meeting, Monday, January 17, 2011

submitted by Betty Jo Radley

There were 7 members and 1 prospective new member (Lydia Collin) present.

-It was moved by Brenda Lockmuller and seconded by Linda Dickey to adopt the November minutes. A full-time secretary is still needed.

-Brenda Lockmuller gave the treasurer's report. The balance in the awards account is \$1072.33. The operating account is \$407.18. There are 3 students that still need to cash their checks from the awards. Christine will notify the teachers.

-Lorrie will check with Andrew to see if the Family Concerts are still happening.

-The Kiwanis Festival is April 4-16. The new boundary rules for the Festival state that students from out of the boundary may participate but will not qualify for awards. It is very time consuming for volunteers when the entry cards are not filled in completely. Teachers need to remember to help their students with this. People are missing composers, birth dates etc. There is a new Festival secretary in training this year, Beth Cook.

-ARMTA news can be found at [www.armta.ca](http://www.armta.ca) The email is [armtaadmin@shaw.ca](mailto:armtaadmin@shaw.ca) Karen MacDonald will no longer be able to represent us so we need a new provincial representative. If anyone is willing to go to the meeting on February 12 in Karen's place, please contact Christine. This is a very important position for our group. Please consider contributing by volunteering to be our provincial rep. It's a great way to meet ARMTA members from around the province.

Christine read a letter from Judith Ammann explaining the theory accreditation listing on the ARMTA directory. Christine will draft some ways to present this on our website and we can choose what we like best.

ARMTA fees have increased to \$120.00 if received before February 28. The fee will be \$130.00 if it arrives after that date. The LRMTA fee of \$35.00 must also be included. The checks can be post dated to March 31. ARMTA will send a renewal letter in the mail or by email if you have signed up to receive information by email. Each member will be responsible for mailing in their own fees before the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> deadline to receive the early bird price. If you have any questions call Christine.

In response to an email from Christine, AMEF decide to award our grant of \$130 for the Canada Music Week recital. She will prepare the grant report.

The Allied Arts Council website is [www.artslethbridge.org](http://www.artslethbridge.org) The AAC fees are due for membership at the end of February.

-RCM :( Lou Joss 403 328 1730) January exams will be at the Library as Long and McQuade are renovating. Long and McQuade has paid for half the rental of the Library and are putting in a Kawai piano for the exams. A 125th anniversary commemorative medal will be presented to each of the students who take an exam this year. James Lawless is the examiner.

-A big thank you went out to Marilyn and Doreen for organizing the annual branch awards. Marilyn also updated the duotang so that it will be easier for future volunteers. Brenda will draft a standard form for entries for awards to minimize errors.

-Practise-a-thon forms were handed out. The rules were explained. Christine has more forms if anyone needs them. The date is February 7-12. Collect all money by March 5 to take to the meeting on March 7. The dates to do this can be flexible but in order to qualify for a prize, the forms and fees must be in by March 7. It is important that members participate if possible, in order that we have sufficient funds for next year's awards.

-Christine, Brenda, Joan and Tamara will be on the new by-laws sub-committee. The committee will meet after the practise-a-thon.

-The first performer's club meeting was at Linda Davies' house on November 22. It was inspiring. The next one will be at her house on March 21 at 10:00 a.m. Members are encouraged to come to perform or to listen.

-Festival Preparation Recital will be at 2:30 at the Library on March 26. Convenors are Lorrie and Betty Jo. Lorrie will prepare the program. The Practise-a-thon awards will be presented as well.

-Lorrie volunteered to organize a drop in Christmas recital next December for our Branch. One suggestion was that teachers could book a block of time for their students.

-Christine reported on the MTNA Conference in New York in 2012, the LSO, and handed around pictures from the Herald of the Canada Music week recital and Lucien Needham's workshop. CFMTA sent a cheque to cover expenses for the cake at that recital.

-The Young artist recital will probably be in May. Volunteers are needed for the organizing committee.

-The RCM examiners lunch date will be on Friday January 28 at Street Side restaurant downtown at 12:30. Please let Betty Jo know if you will attend. The examiner is James Lawless.

**Please Note: The next meeting will be at 9:30 A.M. on February 7<sup>th</sup> at Norman and Company, Suite 301 of the Old Fire hall at 402-2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S. Use the door on the left and go upstairs or take the elevator.**

Please note Karen MacDonald's new email address: [tashi1944@gmail.com](mailto:tashi1944@gmail.com)