

LRMTA – meeting, January 9, 2012

Attending: Christine Rogers, Doreen Laing, Linda Dickey, Cheryl Hudak, Lorrie Wittke, Alma Davies, Joan Milton, Brenda Lockmuller

November Minutes approved by Doreen Laing, seconded by Linda Dickey. Thanks to Renee Werenka for preparing them.

Treasurer's report: Brenda reported – operating fund - \$785.01; Awards fund – \$3651.87
Cheryl seconded. There was one lost awards cheque and Brenda will take care of sending a replacement to the teacher.

Kiwanis festival: Doreen named the adjudicators: Junior – Diana Wiens; Senior – Magdalena Adamek

2012 ARMTA fees (\$130) or \$125 if paid before February 28th. LRMTA fees of \$35 are due before end of March and are usually when sending in the ARMTA renewal. Renewal forms and information should be sent from ARMTA in the next few weeks.

Christine read a letter to AMEF voicing our concerns regarding their new funding policy which means that we no longer qualify for grants. She will send the letter out by email for further feedback.

Betty Jo arranged for the Community arts centre presentation to be given at our next meeting by Suzanne Lint. Suzanne will discuss developments of the new Centre. Our February meeting will be 9:30 a.m. at the Bowman Arts Centre and the presentation by Suzanne will begin at 10:00 a.m.

RCM exams - because of changes needing to be made to the schedule, Lou Joss will be in touch with the students.

Policies and procedures changes to be made at the next Annual meeting in April. At that time a suggested change for an increase in the LRMTA fees will be addressed.

Thanks to Renee for updating www.lrmta.com to be hosted under ARMTA.

Brenda has arranged for advertising in the Yellow Pages.

Doreen moved that Brenda advertise LRMTA as well in Kijiji for an amount up to \$50. Seconded by Lorrie.

Cost of renting the Library has gone up to \$75.

The December 17th recital at Betty Jo's home was enthusiastically remembered. Students were very comfortable, and were happy to be able to play a second time. Thanks to Betty Jo for allowing us to use her great space!

Karin Barg's suggestion to auction off a decorated Christmas tree as a fundraiser was discussed. Karin offered some tree decorations she had stored. Members decided that this might be an idea for the future, but that we were very happy with our practise-a-thon fundraiser at present.

Marilyn Sinclair has offered to arrange for the examiners luncheon. She will be in touch when arrangements have been confirmed with Lou Joss. It will be Friday, Jan. 27th at Streetside at 12:30 p.m.

Please consider supporting this luncheon and call Marilyn if you can attend.

Marilynne Snyder has offered to give Master lessons at the end of April - either the 21st or 28th if anyone is interested. We would be looking for 8 – 10 students for 20 – 30 or 60 minute sessions. The suggestion is that the teachers involved pay for Marilynne's mileage - \$140 and the students pay for their own masterclass. (It might be possible for the branch to contribute something to this—we will discuss it at our next meeting)

Please contact Joan Milton by the end of February if you are interested in your students participating. Information on the lessons:

MASTER LESSONS. Individual lessons.... 15 min.- 1 hr in length
or group lessons....2 or more students at same level

Rate remains the same.....\$60.00 per hr. or 15 min - \$15; 20 min - \$20; 30 mi - \$30

Her suggestion was that the teachers of the students pay for her mileage which the last time was: MILEAGE.....700 Miles @ \$.20 per mile = \$140.00

Thanks again to Marilyn and Joan for disbursing our awards and to Brenda for writing all the cheques. Thanks to everyone who helped with our Canada Music Week recital and awards. Everything went very smoothly.

Since, there seemed to be low interest in the type of workshop that Long and McQuade would offer regarding recording devices and music teaching software, we will not be pursuing this workshop at this time. Teachers are free to make contact individually if they have specific questions or interests.

Lorrie Wittke said she would make inquiries about instruction regarding music transcribing topics. Doreen Laing was especially interested in this for her students.

Our next recital is Saturday, March 10th at 2:30 p.m. at the Library. Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing are convenors. They will make arrangements to get the banner from Marilyn. Please have names to Linda or Doreen at least one week before.

Our next meeting will be Monday Feb. 6th, 9:30 a.m. at the Bowman Arts Centre.