

LRMTA Minutes January 6th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 8 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Joan Milton, Corrie Hausauer, Betty Jo Radley, Karen MacDonald, Doreen Laing, and Linda Dickey

The agenda was approved by Doreen with Linda seconding. The November minutes were approved as circulated by Joan, seconded by Betty Jo.

Brenda was unable to attend the meeting. Our operating balance is \$508.58 and our awards account balance is \$3026.82. Christine reported that Cheryl Hudak's student, Dr. Richard Buck made a generous donation of \$500.00 to our awards program before Christmas. The donation has been processed by CFMTA and a cheque returned to us which Christine will give to Brenda to deposit. A thank you card has been written to Dr. Buck and he will be acknowledged at our awards presentation next November.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2014 are March 31st to April 12th. The deadline for entry is January 15th. Christine will make arrangements with Brenda for our \$100 contribution to the Kiwanis Festival awards.

ARMTA news: The new ARMTA administrator who is taking over from Bev Moore is Vicki Martin. She has been the Edmonton Branch treasurer for several years. The ARMTA email will remain the same. Karen MacDonald reported on the survey she is working on as part of her commitment as ARMTA president to find ways of making ARMTA and its activities accessible and relevant to the greatest number of members possible. Joan Milton relayed information on the upcoming ARMTA fee renewal as follows: Members will receive renewal notice in January. The early bird renewal fee is \$130 if paid before February 28, 2014. The fee after February 28, 2014 is \$140. Please note there has been a \$5 increase in fees due to the increase in the cost of insurance. The increase was approved at the AGM in November. Cheques may be postdated to April 1, 2014 but must be received by February 28th for the early bird rate. Members will be responsible for submitting their own renewals. LRMTA fees of \$35 must accompany the ARMTA fee. The LRMTA cheques will be returned to the branch once the provincial fees have been processed. If you let your ARMTA membership lapse, there will be a \$100 reinstatement fee.

Christine informed members that our branch has the Public Library Showcase booked for the month of August. The showcases are offered to Allied Arts Council members and preference is given to members who have never used them before. If you are interested in helping put a display together or have music-themed items that might be appropriate for display and are willing to lend, please contact Christine.

Our new RCM Rep is Monica Baczuk. Her contact information is as follows:

Phone: 403-942-4321(h); 403-715-6051(c,)

Email: monicab1961@hotmail.com

Please feel free to contact her with questions or concerns.

Doreen brought up concerns that she and other teachers have about using the Library (lack of sound proof area in which students can wait) as a venue for RC exams. She will check in with Monica.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, January 16th at 10:00 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.

Christine reported that CASA now has a rack for brochures. She will confirm that we will be able to display our brochures and let Corrie know. Corrie will begin editing our brochure for its next printing. Please notify Christine if there have been any changes to your contact or teaching information.

Our website domain needs to be renewed through HostGator. Christine will contact Brenda and take care of the charge. If you have any ideas or changes for our website, please contact Christine or Kate. If you have photos of students from lessons or recitals that would be appropriate for the scrolling photograph feature at the top of our website, please submit the photo and the release forms to Christine. Christine and Kate will work on updates.

Christine relayed an invitation for Registered Music Teachers to join a national Facebook group that has been set up for teachers to comment on issues and ask questions. Christine will circulate an email with the link to join.

Christine thanked everyone for their help with and participation in our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation. After discussion it was decided that highlighting the Canadian selections on the first part of the program should be continued next year.

Betty Jo reported that 30 students attended the December 7th event at her studio. Unfortunately she only received notification that 5 of them were coming. In the future, please make sure you call ahead so that she knows how many to expect. Once again, thank you to Betty Jo for offering her studio for our use!

Marilyn Sinclair still has the pair of pink and black Nike sport shoes which were left in the ladies' washroom at McKillop after the CMW recital in November. Please double check if they belong to any of your students who were at the recital either to perform or receive an award. Please contact Marilyn at 329-9188. She will only keep the shoes a little longer before turning them over to goodwill.

Our Festival prep recital is booked for March 29th at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. Convenors will be Kate LaRocque and Karen MacDonald. This is a general recital. All students are welcome to participate, even if they are not preparing for Kiwanis Festival. Marilyn has the LRMTA Banner. Karen will contact Deanna Oye and see if a U of L student might be interested in being a guest performer.

Dates for our final recital and final adult activity will be determined at a later meeting.

Christine passed around clippings from the Lethbridge Herald and a thank you card from students.

Christine reported that plans are moving ahead for the collaborative Conservatory/RMT workshop/masterclass on March 14th and 15th. Magdalena von Eccher and Jesse Plessis are the tentative clinicians. This activity will be presented in conjunction with "CFMTA Branching Out." Please plan to set aside this date to support this professional development activity and encourage your students to attend. Details will be available by the February meeting.

Christine suggested that a brochure outlining advantages of being an RMT be developed for possible distribution at the upcoming workshop.

Betty Jo will contact our new RCM Rep, Monica Baczuk and arrange for lunch with the examiner.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, February 3rd**, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade.