

## LRMTA Minutes March 3rd, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 5 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Joan Milton, Betty Jo Radley, and Brenda Lockmuller. Christine took the minutes in Kate's absence as she was substitute teaching.

The agenda was approved by Brenda with Joan seconding. The February minutes were approved as circulated by Betty Jo, seconded by Joan. Thanks to Kate for preparing the notes.

Brenda reported that only 1 awards cheques is still outstanding from our most recent bank statement. Christine will contact the teacher. After discussion based on feedback from the email that Christine sent out regarding this issue and from last meeting's discussion, **it was decided to continue using cheques for our awards process, but to notify students that "cheques will be cancelled after 6 months."** Brenda made the motion with Joan seconding. Carried. Our operating balance is \$386.13 and our awards account balance is \$3411.82. Christine gave Brenda the AAC membership receipt for \$75 which she had received in the mail. Betty Jo seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Thanks to Brenda for keeping us up to date.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2014 are March 31<sup>st</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup>. Christine will make arrangements with Brenda for our \$100 contribution to the Kiwanis Festival awards after she has heard from Jean Robin from the Festival Committee. This amount will be taken from our awards account for the two piano awards which we sponsor.

ARMTA news: ARMTA positions are available as follows. Please give these your consideration:

- **Tempo Editor:** is paid an honorarium after each Provincial Newsletter is printed two times a year. Detailed job description available.
- **Volunteer Positions:** require some designated time at specific times of the year
  - Archivist
  - Student Composer Competition
  - Policies and Procedures/Bylaws
  - Publicity and Promotion

Please contact Judith Ammann at 780-467-9529 or [pjammann@shaw.ca](mailto:pjammann@shaw.ca) for information or to discuss what time and effort is required for these positions.

Joan reported that she wishes to be relieved of her duties as provincial board rep. Please consider serving our branch in this capacity. There are only 2 meetings per year plus the conference and it might be possible to make arrangements by Skype for the 2 meetings.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Our Yellow Pages renewal is coming due. The fee will be just under \$200. Brenda will make arrangements when the invoice is sent.

Our Festival prep recital is booked for March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. Convenors will be Kate LaRocque and Karen MacDonald. Karen MacDonald will take the names. 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 and if it is not picked up from her place before the recital, she

will drop it off. Karen will contact Deanna Oye and see if a U of L student might be interested in being a guest performer.

Betty Jo will contact Deanna Oye and look into booking the recital hall at the University for our final general recital. A date early in May was suggested to avoid the RCM theory exams, the Victoria Long Weekend and the Piano Class Festival.

Our final adult get-together will be on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in Betty Jo's studio at 810 Kodiak Bay North. An opportunity for students to run through their exam repertoire will take place following at 11:00 a.m. **Please contact Betty Jo at 329-1655 and let her know if you have students who will be coming** so that she can prepare for the number of people attending. Thanks again to Betty Jo for the generous offer of her studio for these events!

Christine reported that registrations for the collaborative Conservatory/RMT workshop/masterclass on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at CASA with Magdalena von Eccher and Jesse Plessis will continue until the workshop is full. Please make every effort to support this event. If successful, we may be able to offer it as an annual event. The event will begin with a Friday evening for teachers. Teachers, please remember to register for the event, even if you have students attending and the \$25 fee is waived. Please plan to set aside this date to support this professional development activity and encourage your students to attend. It is very exciting to have an event of this calibre in our own community at such reasonable rates. Moderators are needed for the student sessions to introduce the clinicians and performers and to keep the clinicians on time. Christine and Mary Lee are available. Joan Milton said she would do it if other volunteers are still needed.

Christine will make arrangements for our "Branching Out" CFMTA application.

Christine passed around the RMT leaflet which we have put together for advertising to possible new members.

**Because of Kiwanis Festival, it was decided to move our April meeting to April 14<sup>th</sup>.** This will be our annual meeting with confirmation of our executive. Christine will check with those in executive positions to see if they will continue. Joan Milton would like to be replaced as Provincial Rep.

The Piano Class Festival will take place this year from May 20-24. The adjudicator will be Glen Montgomery. The Syllabus will be the same as last year. Entry forms are available from Marilyn Sinclair (329-9188) or at Long and McQuade. The deadline for entry is April 15<sup>th</sup>, but **it would be most appreciated if forms could be submitted to Marilyn by Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> because she is away the next week.**

Joan reported on ARMTA opportunities. There is a possibility of joining with the Medicine Hat Branch to host an ARMTA continuing education workshop possibly with Edwin Gmandt. Joan will get more details. Also, Melissa Morelli, the former *Tempo* editor has just published a book of poems on the music of Clara Schumann, Debussy and Chopin and is doing recital-readings with pianists.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014** at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Please note the change of date.