

LRMTA Minutes May 4th, 2015 Stephure Hall, Casa

Christine called the meeting to order at Casa. There were 10 members present: Doreen Laing, Kate LaRocque, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Joan Milton, Karen MacDonald, Andrew Gierulski, Brenda Lockmuller, Cheryl Hudak and Linda Dickey.

Christine informed members of the passing of long-time member Joan Croskery who was president of the Lethbridge Branch from 1997-1999. It was decided that we would make a donation (\$50) in her memory to the ARMTA Recognition Fund. Joan Milton made the motion and Brenda seconded. Christine will take care of the arrangements. She will also send information to ARMTA's publication, *Tempo*.

The business portion of the meeting was shortened to accommodate the workshop presentation by Doreen Laing to follow at 10:30 a.m.

The agenda was approved by Linda and seconded by Cheryl. The April minutes were approved as circulated by Betty Jo and seconded by Andrew.

Christine gave the treasurer's report. The balance in our Operating Account is \$765.53. The balance in our Awards Account is \$3553.40. Christine and Karen have completed the signing authority transfer at the TD bank. We have made arrangements to receive our statements online instead of in the mail. Karen and Christine will meet to go over the transfer of Treasurer's responsibilities. Joan and Christine agreed to audit the financial records during the summer. Betty Jo moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report and Linda seconded.

Joan will check if there is a silent auction in conjunction with the CFMTA national conference this summer. (After the meeting Joan confirmed that there is no silent auction at this summer's conference.)

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, May 28th at 9:30 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 our LRMTA brochures will be displayed in the Lethbridge Symphony office as well as at each LSO concert. Doreen has yet to hear back from the Allied Arts Council about a possible ad in the Artsbridge Magazine. She will make a follow up call.

Our final adult student get-together will be Saturday, May 30th at 3:00 p.m. at Betty Jo's studio at 810 Kodiak Bay North. Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing will be convenors. Please let one of them know if you have students participating ahead of time. Our final general recital will take place on Saturday, June 6th at 10:30 a.m. in the University Recital Hall. There will be a \$45 cost for a student stage manager. To cover the cost we will have a silver collection at the door. Arrangements with the University have been finalized. Joan Milton and Christine will be convenors. Please have names and selections to Christine by June 1st. This is a terrific opportunity for students to perform in the newly renovated recital hall on a superior piano. Christine will forward a map and parking recommendations to teachers.

Next year's *Keys to Piano* Workshop has been booked for February 26 and 27, 2016 at Casa. Derek Chiu, the RC representative for Alberta will be one of the featured clinicians. Christine encouraged teachers to save the date and spread the word to students and other teachers.

As part of this year's CFMTA Branching Out initiative (grant for \$50) Jesse Plessis worked with 4 of our students at Betty Jo's studio on Saturday, April 25th. It was a wonderful opportunity for students (and teachers!). He also performed a short piece by University of Lethbridge professor, Dr. Arlan Schultz. Thanks again to Betty Jo for her continued generous offer of her studio space for branch events.

The Lethbridge Piano Class Festival will take place from **May 19-22** at McKillop United Church. The adjudicator will be Magdalena von Eccher, an instructor at both the University of Lethbridge and the University of Lethbridge Conservatory of Music. Festival cards were handed out. If you are able to act as secretary to the adjudicator, please contact Karen MacDonald at 403-553-3365.

Betty Jo will look into arrangements for lunch with the RC examiner and RC rep, Monica Baczuk.

Next followed a presentation by Doreen Laing titled, "Teaching Piano Ensemble and Rhythm, Easy as Pie!" Teachers from the community were invited to attend. Thanks to Doreen for putting this workshop together and sharing her time and teaching experience with us! Thanks also to her trio of students who performed a 6 hand arrangement of the first movement of Beethoven's 9th Symphony!

Our next meeting will be Monday, September 14th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.