



**MINUTES for November 7th, 2011**  
**Home of Renee Werenka: 331 Mt. Sundial Court**

**Regular Items: Website: [www.lrmta.com](http://www.lrmta.com)**

- Welcome/Meeting called to order/Attendance
  - Joan Milton, Karen MacDonald, Renée Werenka, Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey and Betty Jo Radley and Corrie Hausauer were in attendance
- Agenda approved by Karen, seconded by Renée
- Approval of September and October minutes: Joan motioned, Karen seconded
- Treasurer's Report (Brenda): Christine gave the report in Brenda's absence
  - LRMTA receipts will be mailed.
  - Awards account at \$3790.90, Operating account \$885.63. Around \$73 needs to be transferred from operating account to awards account for new cheques. Linda moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's report, Joan seconded.
- ARMTA news:
  - Branching Out walk at Henderson Lake – Christine & Joan were there, branch will get \$50. We will put this money towards our awards account. Submitted photo to CFMTA
- AMEF news:
  - funding issues – Bob George is new on the AMEF board. Christine will do up a simple letter from the branch regarding our issues, this will be done for approval at the January meeting.
- AAC:
  - Betty Jo will look into inviting the rep to our next meeting so that we can look into possibilities for our group to use the new Community Arts facility.
- Next Coffee Meeting – None this month because of Performer's Club

**Old Business/Continuing Items:**

- Business License – Christine will contact S. Lint
- Policies and Procedures Review: changes to be adopted at next annual meeting. (April) Because our current bylaws state that we can't change our fees until the annual general meeting (which is in April) we won't be able to raise our fees until the following year. To make it easier and more flexible for us to change our fees in a timely manner in the future, we discussed changing the bylaws as follows:
  - Change to the bylaws – "...annual branch fee changes can be made at the AGM or any general meeting with 2 months advance notice." – Karen moved the change adopted and Linda seconded. All were in favour.
  - The bylaw changes will be adopted at the AGM in April as Policies and Procedures

- Web site (Renee):
  - Hosting is now set up under ARMTA package. We will continue paying only for our domain name each year (around \$15/year). Thanks to Renee!
- Performer's Club:
  - Thursday morning in November 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at Linda Davies' home – 1260 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S. All are welcome to listen, perform or try things out!
- Teacher Referral for Elementary Schools (Tamara) –
  - this will be done in the new year.
- Advertising: (Brenda):
  - Yellow pages ad - \$187 for 3 lines for a year – Betty-Jo motioned to pay up to \$200 for an ad, Linda Dickey seconded, All in Favor. Since we won't be able to raise our fees until the next year, because of our bylaws, this money will come from our operating account. We have a healthy balance for now. Members would like to have a contact number as well as our website included in the 3 lines along with something stating that we provide qualified music instruction.
  - Lethbridge Herald Sign Me Up insert - \$200 for 1/8 page.
  - Renée will contact for info re: Leisure Guide
  - **ALL TEACHERS**: Please keep track of where your students are coming from so we will know if our advertising is making a difference.
- Recitals: ( Betty Jo, Tamara) (banner, silver collection signs): Banner--Marilyn
  - Canada Music Week: Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. McKillop
    - Please have names to Brenda or Marilyn 1 week before
    - If you'd like to donate anything music related for a door prize – bring that to the recital.
  - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Drop-in at Betty Jo's – 810 Kodiak Blvd. – Informal
    - 10:30-11:30 – students, please let Betty-Jo know if you have students planning to attend (phone her at 329-1655)
  - Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> Adult Gathering: 11:30 – adult gathering to follow at Betty Jo's studio as well. Please let her know if you have students to participate

#### **New Business:**

- Branch awards: Marilyn and Joan will meet to finalize numbers. Christine and Brenda will meet to do cheques.
- Workshop possibility: (Tamara) recording devices; music studio software: Long and McQuade looking into January Saturday Morning

**Future Items:** professional development; branch lending library

**Next Meeting date: Jan. 9th, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at Long & McQuade**