

LRMTA Minutes November 4th, 2013, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 8 members present: Kate LaRocque, Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Joan Milton, Cheryl Hudak, Betty Jo Radley, Karen MacDonald and Andrew Gierulski.

The agenda was approved by Joan Milton with Karen MacDonald seconding. The October minutes were approved as circulated by Karen MacDonald, seconded by Joan Milton.

Brenda was unable to attend the meeting. Our operating balance is \$403.15 and our awards account balance is \$4211.82. Christine reported that a copy of our branch annual financial report is to be submitted to ARMTA for presentation at the annual provincial AGM beginning next year. Alberta Corporate Registry has advised ARMTA Provincial to collect copies of audited branch statements because ARMTA is responsible for ensuring that branches are handling finances properly.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2014 are March 31st to April 12th. The deadline for entry is January 15th.

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. Kate gave a brief report on Music Conference Alberta which she attended in Red Deer. A major concern is attracting new, younger members into the organization. The possibility of another provincial fee increase for 2015 was also discussed. ARMTA teacher recognition awards for our branch members will be presented at our Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation. Karen MacDonald briefly outlined her commitment as ARMTA president to finding ways to make ARMTA and its activities accessible and relevant to the greatest number of members possible. The possibility of a provincial survey was discussed. Kate and Karen will meet to draft a design for the survey. We will have a more detailed discussion at our January meeting. If you have any ideas for the survey or how ARMTA can better support our teaching please bring them to the meeting, or email Karen or Christine beforehand.

Christine informed members that she has applied to book one of the Public Library Showcases for our branch. The showcases are offered to Allied Arts Council members and preference is given to members who have never used them before.

AMEF (Alberta Music Education Foundation) sponsors a Student Recognition Awards program. You do not need to be a member of AMEF to apply. For details follow the link:
http://www.amef.ca/student_recognition_awards.php

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, November 21st 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. We will be preparing the cheques and envelopes for our awards presentation.

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.

Kate will look into creating a Facebook page for LRMTA.

Our Canada Music week recital and awards presentation is set for Saturday, November 23rd at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church (2329 15th Ave. S.) Please note the change of location. After

discussion it was decided to have the recital at McKillop rather than the Library. McKillop is larger and less expensive with better parking and we have the Library already booked for our spring recital. Joan Milton moved that we use McKillop for our Canada Music Week Recital. Seconded by Karen MacDonald. All were in favor. Convenors will be Marilyn Sinclair and Joan Milton. Marilyn Sinclair will take the names. **Please have your entries in at least one week before. Please indicate which composers are Canadian.** Although other entries will be accepted, teachers are asked to focus as much as possible on Canadian Music. The first section of the recital will be Canadian entries, with other selections to follow. Recital etiquette will be printed on the back of the program. Christine will take care of printing the First Class Honors results. She will make 60 copies and include information about contributing donations to our awards program. At the conclusion of the recital and awards presentation, Christine will be asking participants and awards winners to pose for a photo which will be submitted to the Lethbridge Herald. It was suggested that students might feel more comfortable participating in a photograph if they know ahead of time. Teachers can notify their students as needed. Names of students will need to be submitted to the Herald as well, so these will be recorded at the recital at the time of the photo. Christine will bring the pencils which will be handed out to each performer. O Canada will be played at the beginning of the recital. Marilyn has the banner. The ARMTA recognition awards for years of service will be presented at the awards presentation by Karen MacDonald.

Our Adult Student Get-together will take place at 9:30 a.m. on December 7th at Betty Jo's home. Betty Jo and Brenda will be the convenors. A drop-in Christmas program will follow from 10:30 until noon. **Please contact Betty Jo at 403-329-1655 to let her know how many students will be participating.** Betty Jo's address is 810 Kodiak Bay North. Please contact her if you need directions. Thank you to Betty Jo for offering her studio for our use!

Our Festival prep recital is booked for March 29th at 2:30 p.m. at the Lethbridge Public Library. Our original date of March 22nd was not available. Thanks to Betty Jo for making these arrangements. Another convenor is still needed for this recital.

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

Christine reported that she had met with Peggy Mezei to explore collaborative possibilities between our branch and the University Conservatory now that it has moved to its new home in CASA. A workshop/masterclass on Saturday, March 15th with a possible presentation for teachers the Friday evening before has been proposed. Members were in favor. Christine will keep members updated. This activity will be presented in conjunction with "CFMTA Branching Out."

The awards have been determined for this year. Thank you to Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing. Christine will type up a draft copy and circulate for typos and errors. Teachers will be notified of the winners after Nov. 11th when the awards have been confirmed. Awards will be presented following our Canada Music Week recital. Please make arrangements to have the awards picked up if students are not available to come to the presentation to receive their awards. Christine will take care of printing the awards handout for the recital. Cheques and envelopes will be prepared at the coffee meeting on Nov. 21st.

Next followed a discussion regarding family discount rates. Members shared their practises with regard to more than 2 students per family.

Our next meeting will be **Monday, January 6th**, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade.