

LRMTA Minutes October 4th, 2010

Christine called the meeting to order. There were 10 members present.

Joan Milton moved the approval of the agenda with Martha Laarman seconding. The minutes were approved as circulated. Brenda offered to take the minutes for the meeting.

Brenda gave the balances of our accounts: Awards \$2156.97 and Operating \$639.12. The report was seconded by Cheryl Hudak.

Members handed in applications for the AMEF achievement awards. Christine will apply for Canada Music Week funds from AMEF. A discussion followed concerning activities and supplies needed for the Canada Music Week celebration. The AMEF funds will be combined with the \$50 available from CFMTA to cover the expenses for: Library Rental, Printing, Pencils, Posters, Cake, 75 plates, forks and cups, and napkins. We will serve water and if needed we will borrow water pitchers. We will also need a knife and cake server.

Brenda will drop off a new Branch Directory poster at the Allied Arts Council Office.

Our next coffee meeting will be October 18th at Round Street Café at 9:30 at 427-5th St. S.

Next, a discussion followed confirming the activities for the Canada Music Week Recital and Awards Presentation on Saturday, November 27th at 2:30 pm. at the Public Library. Marilyn Sinclair and Karen MacDonald will be convenors. Names can be brought to the November Meeting. The deadline for submissions is one week before the recital. Students are encouraged to play music by Canadian composers, but other composers may be submitted. We will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Canada Music Week by serving a cake after the recital and awards ceremony. Tamara will order the cake. Christine will pick up supplies.

First Class Honors Marks for our branch awards are due at the November meeting. Please submit the student's name, subject, mark, examining institution (e.g. RCM), teacher's name. Marks from December 2009 to August 2010 are eligible. Marilyn Sinclair and Doreen Laing will disburse the awards (\$1200-1300).

Christine and Tamara presented information regarding the possibility of a Practise-a-thon in 2011. After discussion it was decided that we will hold the Practise-a-thon from Feb. 7-12th, 2011. All money raised will go toward our awards program. Brenda made the suggestion that we consider holding the practise-a-thon over a 2-week period rather than a 1-week period. After discussion it was decided to keep it at 1 week this time and review a possible 2-week period for the future.

A discussion regarding revisions to our current bylaws will take place at the November meeting. Discussion will centre around 3 main topics: meeting attendance and discipline; terms of executive, especially president; and voting procedures and quorum.

Lucien Needham workshop will be on Saturday, October 30th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at McKillop United Church. Brenda moved that we purchase a Guesthouse gift certificate for \$30 as a thank you for Lucien. Betty Jo Radley seconded. Brenda will write the cheque and Tamara will pick up the gift certificate.

Christine will check in with Linda Davies and make plans for the first get together of the Performer's Club. This will be an opportunity for members to share music in a non-threatening, supportive situation. Teachers interested in performing and/or listening will be most welcome. A date in November or January was proposed. Christine will check with Linda and bring information to the next meeting.

Because of Kiwanis Festival (April 4-16) our April meeting will be moved to Monday, March 28th, 2011.

Our branch has been approached by ARMTA to host a recital featuring the winner of the Provincial Round of the CFMTA National Piano Competition. This would take place in the spring. We would be responsible for the costs and organizing the event. If we decide to follow through with this, we will need an organizing committee to coordinate with ARMTA, book a venue, prepare the program, and advertise.

Linda Dickey has 2009 theory booklets for sale. Call her at 329-4874.

Christine reported on the Frank Horvat recital. Even though it was a small turnout, the audience was very appreciative of Frank's music. It was a mesmerizing evening!

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be November 1st at Long & McQuade at 9:30 a.m.