

## LRMTA Minutes October 6th, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 7 members present: Marilyn Sinclair, Christine Rogers, Joan Milton, Betty Jo Radley, Cheryl Hudak, Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing.

The agenda was approved by Doreen with Linda seconding. The September minutes were approved as circulated by Joan, seconded by Cheryl.

In Brenda's absence, Christine gave the Treasurer's report. Our operating balance is \$613.14 and our awards account balance is \$3275.05. Corrie's membership fee receipt has been written and delivered. A copy of our annual financial report will be sent to ARMTA. Christine will get an updated version from Brenda. Christine moved the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Linda Dickey.

Kiwanis Festival dates for 2015 are March 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>. The registration deadline is January 7<sup>th</sup>. Doreen reported that concerns over the availability of two pianos for piano duo classes have been addressed. Adjudicators will be as follows: Evette Rowledge for Junior Piano and Janet Scott-Hoyt for Senior. Senior piano classes will be the first week and Junior the second week. Scheduling restrictions prevent the seniors from being in the second week. Festival classes will be taking place at Casa.

ARMTA news: Our branch will apply to ARMTA for the Provincial Recognition Fund Awards in conjunction with our own branch awards. Christine and Joan will contact Judith Ammann to make arrangements when awards have been determined. Joan reported that ARMTA has established a convenorship for connecting with university music departments in an effort to connect with graduating students. Membership Milestones recognized by ARMTA this year: Betty Jo (35) and Christine (30). Doreen inquired about her years as a member under her former married name. Joan volunteered to follow up with Judith Ammann.

Our next coffee and conversation is set for Thursday, October 16th at 9:30 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.

Christine reported that she had spoken with Bonnie at Music Court regarding our nameplate signboard. Bonnie is still willing to display the board somewhere in the front of the store. Christine will arrange for new nameplates for Brenda and Kate and update the board. Last meeting, suggestions were made as to possibilities for the 3<sup>rd</sup> signboard formerly in Leister's Music. Christine reported that Casa is not able to display the board. Also, Mary Lee Voort responded that most likely the Church Council would not approve its display in Southminster Church. Betty Jo is checking into the Public Library, and will let us know. Doreen will check with Total Music as well.

A discussion concerning advertising followed. Christine reported that when she made arrangements for our information to be displayed on the Shaw Cable Channel 9 crawl scroll feature, Ryan Craddock asked if we would like to be interviewed. Christine has contacted Lorrie Wittke who is willing to speak for our group. Christine has sent information to Ryan but has yet to receive a reply. Lorrie Wittke has agreed to follow up with Shaw.

Our Canada Music Week Recital and Annual Awards Presentation will take place at McKillop United Church on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Marilyn Sinclair and Kate LaRocque will be convenors. Please have names to Marilyn at least one week before. Emphasis is on Canadian composers. The program will be arranged the same as last year. Non-Canadian pieces will be grouped together after the Canadian selections. Christine has the banner. Marilyn moved and Joan seconded that Christine order

Canada Music Week pencils for the performers. Our Christmas adult get-together will be at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at Betty Jo's Studio (810 Kodiak Bay North) followed by a Christmas student drop-in recital at 10:30 a.m. Please call Betty Jo at 403-329-1655 and let her know if you will have students participating. If you are available to be there to help Betty Jo, please contact her. Our Festival Prep Recital is booked at the Lethbridge Public Library for Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to convene this recital. Our final adult student get-together will be Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at Betty Jo's studio. Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing will be convenors. The date for our final recital will be determined at a later date.

Christine reported that dates for next year's *Keys to Piano* Workshop have been booked for February 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Casa. Glen Montgomery has been booked as the clinician. She will keep us posted on plans. Please reserve these dates and plan to support our group by attending and promoting it to your students.

Doreen volunteered to make a presentation on ensemble music for piano. A morning time will be arranged.

Betty Jo related that one of her students at Winston Churchill was advised that high school credits were no longer available for piano/theory exams. Marilyn Sinclair will look into it.

It has been suggested that our branch do more group advertising (e.g. Sign me Up Insert, Leisure Guide, etc.). In order to cover the cost of this advertising, it has also been suggested that we increase our branch fees. Most teachers at the September meeting felt that group advertising was not a priority for them. Many teachers related that most of the calls they receive come from student, parent and other teacher recommendations. Kate offered to put together a survey so that more members can give input before we made a branch decision. We may also gather information by email. The following is a list of current ARMTA branch fees:

- \_\_\_ Calgary \$60
- \_\_\_ Edmonton \$65
- \_\_\_ Fort McMurray \$60
- \_\_\_ Grande Prairie N/A
- \_\_\_ Lethbridge \$35
- \_\_\_ Lloydminster N/A
- \_\_\_ Medicine Hat \$50
- \_\_\_ Red Deer \$25

First Class honors marks are due. Thanks to Karen and Joan who volunteered to be the disbursement committee. \$1500 is available for awards. It was suggested that awards be determined before the next branch meeting so that teachers can notify their students. Christine will type up the list. Cheques and envelopes will be prepared at the November coffee meeting.

Our Practise-a-thon will run February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. Linda Dickey volunteered to approach Long and McQuade for prizes. Joan Milton offered to check in with Music Court. Christine will approach Lorrie Wittke to look into concert tickets from the U of L Music Department and Mary Lee Voort to ask the Lethbridge Symphony. Please encourage your students to participate. All funds raised go directly to our awards program.

Our next meeting will be November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade. Everyone is most welcome to attend.