

LRMTA Minutes March 4th, 2013, Long and McQuade

Christine called the meeting to order at Long and McQuade. There were 7 members present: Karen MacDonald, Joan Milton, Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Doreen Laing, Kate LaRocque, and Cheryl Hudak. Apologies were sent from Tamara Bowie, Linda Dickey and Brenda Lockmuller.

Karen MacDonald handed out the current Syllabus for the Lethbridge Piano Class Festival. The dates are May 21-24, 2013. The adjudicator is Colleen Klassen, a local piano teacher and accompanist. This piano festival, organized by members of the Lethbridge Registered Music Teachers, is open to all piano students and focuses on student participation, emphasizing the educational experience of performing and receiving comments from the adjudicator. Awards, determined by the adjudicator are presented by the adjudicator at an Honors Concert at the conclusion of the Festival, which features outstanding performers. Please note that the deadline for entries is two days earlier than usual, Saturday, **April 13th**. Please contact Karen MacDonald at 403-553-3365 or Marilyn Sinclair at 403-329-9188 for more information. At our April meeting we will determine a time for a meeting for interested members to assist Karen with scheduling and other details as needed. Please consider volunteering as a secretary to the adjudicator during one of the sessions. Events such as this can only continue to be offered with volunteer support.

The agenda was approved by Karen with Joan seconding.

The February minutes were approved as circulated by Karen, seconded by Doreen.

The most recent balances are \$1563.38 in our awards account and \$958.69 in our operating account. If possible, please remind your students to cash their awards cheques if they haven't already done so. Christine informed the members that the donation that Marilyn Sinclair made to our awards program in memory of her mother Mrs. Olive Mills has been processed. Christine asked for help with writing out the branch receipts. It was suggested that we do it at one of our coffee meetings.

Christine reported that she had contacted the Kiwanis Festival and was just awaiting confirmation of our proposal to sponsor two piano awards.

ARMTA news: **Annual Fees are due:** If you haven't already renewed your membership, please note the following: Membership information should be reviewed and returned to ARMTA along with TWO cheques--the first cheque (made out to ARMTA) for provincial fees for \$135 after Feb. 28th; and the second cheque for LRMTA fees (made out to LRMTA) for \$35. Cheques can be post-dated to March 31st, 2013 if you wish. The LRMTA cheques will be returned to us for deposit once the provincial fees have been processed. Receipts will be issued. **Each member will be responsible for mailing in their own fees before the Feb. 28th deadline to receive the early bird price. Remember: if you let your ARMTA membership lapse, there will be a \$100 reinstatement fee.** Please contact Christine if you have any questions.

Joan and Karen reported that ARMTA members can now attend Conference without also having to be AMEF members. Also ARMTA is in the process of finding a replacement for administrator, Bev Moore.

AMEF news: Teachers who want to renew or become a member of AMEF can check out membership information on the AMEF website at: <http://www.amef.ca/membership.php>

Christine and Brenda have submitted the Allied Arts Council membership renewal. For booking information for the new Community Arts Centre (CASA) please contact Claire Hatton at 320-0555. Rates are \$15/hour for members.

Our next coffee meeting/performer's club is set for Thursday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260-5th Ave. S. (Not 5A). Betty Jo will confirm the date and time with Linda. Please call Betty Jo at 329-1655 or Linda at 328-6085 to let them know if you will be attending. Thanks to Betty Jo and Linda for making these arrangements.

Christine will check in with Corrie regarding nameplates and updating brochures.

Christine informed members that she contacted Carolyn Garritano, ARMTA's webmaster to begin the redesign for our new website. Christine has seen an initial preview and it looks great. Kate volunteered to maintain the website. Thanks to Kate for volunteering so enthusiastically for this job! Christine will keep everyone posted. It was suggested that some kind of special recognition might be appropriate for launching our new website. If anyone has any good ideas, please contact Christine.

Arrangements have been made by Brenda to continue our ad in this year's Yellow Pages. Thanks to Brenda. Betty Jo will look into rates for the "Sign Me Up" Herald insert and Christine will check on current Leisure Guide rates. A decision will then be made as to which advertising we will arrange.

Christine and Karen MacDonald reported on the success of our March 2nd recital. Special thanks to Karen who was able to fill in for Betty Jo as convenor. Thanks also to Kate LaRocque for being there early to help with set up. There were many outstanding performances including a number by senior students. It was suggested that guidelines for recital etiquette could be printed on the back of the program.

A date and location for a final adult get-together will be determined at the next meeting. Weekends for the next few months are difficult for Betty Jo, so her studio will not be available. Christine will check to see whether Linda Davies is interested in hosting this in her home. The weekends of May 25th and June 1st were suggested since these would be after the Piano Class Festival.

Betty Jo will check with Deanna Oye regarding the availability of the University of Lethbridge Recital Hall for our final general recital in May. Lorrie Wittke and Joan Milton are our convenors.

CFMTA is sponsoring a "Branching Out" activity for the month of February. It is designed to focus on student recognition. We will be using the \$50 grant to purchase 2-\$25 iTunes cards to present as prizes in our Practise-a-thon. Christine will fill out the application form. A photo will be taken of the winners and submitted to CFMTA as part of the application process. A waiver will have to be filled out for permission to submit the photo.

Christine reported on the recent fee survey. Results are attached at the end of the minutes. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Members handed in Practise-a-thon packages. Money and forms will still be accepted but students will not be eligible to receive prizes. The money will be counted and the results tabulated. Teachers will be informed which students have won prizes. Since we do not have a timely recital at which to present the prizes, they will be given to teachers to award individually to their students. A formal announcement of winners and results will be made at the May recital. Prizes include a \$100 gift card from Future Shop for

the grand prize winner who raises the most money. Other prizes will be awarded for the most time practised in 4 age categories including iTunes cards; a gift certificate from Music Court; gift cards from Long and McQuade; Lethbridge Symphony tickets; and tickets for concerts sponsored by the University of Lethbridge Music Department. Thanks to all teachers and students who participated and especially to those who helped with arranging prizes from our donors.

Initial plans are being made for a masterclass/workshop with Jesse Plessis at the very end of May or early June, after the Piano Class Festival. Karen MacDonald, Betty Jo Radley and Linda Davies will be involved with organizing. A \$20 entry fee for students to participate was suggested.

Because of where Easter holidays fall, our next meeting will be **Monday, April 8th, 2013** at 10:00 a.m. at Long and McQuade.

2013 RMT Fee Survey 16 members participating

Monthly Rates

- \$80/month (half hour lesson)
- \$78/ month (half hour lesson)
- \$70/month (half hour lesson)-2 members charge this
- \$62/month (half hour lesson)
- \$50/month (half hour lesson)

Hourly Rates

- \$45/hour lesson
- \$40/hour lesson
- \$30-40/hour lesson (depending on student level)

Half Hourly Rates

- \$17/half hour lesson
- \$18/ half hour lesson-3 members charge this
- \$20/half hour lesson

*University of Lethbridge Conservatory Fees 2012-2013

Faculty 1 Fees

- 1/2 hour lessons \$420.00 per 15 week session (\$28.00 per lesson)
- 3/4 hour lessons \$630.00 per 15 week session (\$42.00 per lesson)
- 1 hour lessons \$840.00 per 15 week session (\$56.00 per lesson)

Faculty 2 Fees

- 1/2 hour lessons \$382.50 per 15 weeks (\$25.50 per lesson)
- 3/4 hour lessons \$573.75 per 15 weeks (\$38.25 per lesson)
- 1 hour lessons \$765.00 per 15 weeks (\$51.00 per lesson)

Student Instructor Fees

- 1/2 hour lessons \$262.50 per 15 weeks (\$17.50 per lesson)
- 3/4 hour lessons \$393.75 per 15 weeks (\$26.25 per lesson)
- 1 hour lessons \$525.00 per 15 weeks (\$35.00 per lesson)

*University Conservatory Teachers receive 80% of the above fees. 20% is kept by the Conservatory for operating costs.