

**Minutes for Monday, March. 5th, 2012**  
**Long and McQuade**

In attendance:

Kate LaRocque, Linda Dickey, Doreen Laing, Lorrie Wittke, Betty Jo Radley, Marilyn Sinclair, Brenda Lockmuller, Joan Milton, Alma Davies.

Agenda approved by Linda D. and seconded by Betty Jo.

Thanks to Kate LaRocque for acting as secretary.

Thanks to Joan Milton for acting as chair in Christine's absence and taking extra notes.

Welcome to Kate LaRocque, who is our newest member! Her membership officially begins on April 1<sup>st</sup>. I will be updating the directory and sending it out with her information, but until then please add her as follows:

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Treasurer's report: presented by Brenda, seconded by Doreen

- \$2737.04 awards account
- \$569.92 operating
- 44 cheques went through
- AAC renewal sent
- examiner lunch reimbursed

Kiwanis Festival: Doreen mentioned that Kiwanis was not able to give out some awards last year, because of lack of funding or insufficient activity with funds invested for the awards. However this year there should be more available.

The deadline for the Summer 'Tempo' is June 1st. If anyone would care to contribute with a musical article or other type of contribution relating to music (book review, teaching tips etc.), Editor Melissa LaCroix would be delighted to receive something.

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Allied Arts Council: There was a discussion about the possibility of securing a monthly booking at the new Community Arts Centre (perhaps on a Saturday at 2:30) for practise recitals and a quarterly recital so that students have more relaxed performance opportunities in a performance setting before they do the serious recitals. Betty Jo's studio location was also brought up, as it is available for this sort of thing, and it was agreed that it is a good location, but that it is also different than the public space, so nothing was decided upon yet. In addition, we need to book ASAP because they are doing bookings a year in advance, and there are apparently a lot of people vying for space.

Annual AAC Meeting March 22 7PM at the Bowman Arts Centre with a reception to follow. If anyone wants to attend please RSVP attendance by March 15 to [info@artslethbridge.org](mailto:info@artslethbridge.org)

Next Coffee Meeting:

- cancelled due to Kiwanis festival
- It was discussed that perhaps coffee should be rescheduled to Thursdays to try to hit up the people that are unable to make it to Monday meetings; therefore, the next coffee has tentatively been set for April 19 at 9:30 a.m. location TBA

Policies and Procedures (Former Bylaws): Just a reminder that changes will be adopted at our next meeting

Performer's Club: it was suggested that we combine this with coffee meetings

Teacher Referral for Elementary Schools: Thanks to Tamara for heading up this initiative. The leaflet has been prepared and she will be taking it to the Public School Superintendent for approval. Tamara is looking for one more person to help with delivering these to 3 south side schools. It would be a matter of contacting the music teacher at each school, introducing our group and then asking them if they might hand out the leaflets if students ask for private teacher referrals. It would also be good to check in with the school office, because most schools also have a community board and our leaflet could be posted there as well. Please call Tamara (327-2918) to volunteer for this important advertising initiative.

Advertising Update: Thanks to Brenda for preparing the ad for the Yellow Pages. The new phone books have been delivered and you can check out the ad. The Kijiji ad has already had over 140 visits. Brenda has paid \$2.99 to keep our listing near the top. Thanks again to Brenda. Please remember to keep track of where student calls come from so that we can determine which advertising is most effective. Also suggested that Christine has a contact at the Herald. Perhaps he could be approached for some form of advertising.

Upcoming Recital information

- Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>: Library, 2:30 p.m. Festival Preparation Recital
  - Linda Dickey and Marilyn Sinclair convenors
- May: General Recital: Sat. May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 p.m. University of Lethbridge Recital Hall
  - Lorrie Wittke and Betty Jo Radley convenors
  - confirm access to recital hall (usually Deanna Oye is available)

- Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Betty Jo's studio
  - Adult student gathering: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
  - 11:30 a.m. Opportunity for students to run through exam rep

Updated directory is being prepared by Christine and will be circulated

There was not enough interest to bring in Marilyn Snyder. Thanks to Joan for her work presenting this opportunity.

Piano Class Festival May 22-25; deadline April 15th

- Karen has a syllabus; it has been circulated by email
- Jesse Plessis is probably the adjudicator
- There will be entry forms available at the next meeting.

Annual General Meeting Preparation:

- fee increase to be addressed at annual general meeting in April
- Brenda has informed us that she needs a few years off of being Treasurer, and that she has set up a job list for the next Treasurer. Thank you to Brenda for her excellent work keeping track of our finances.
- Tamara is willing to continue as Vice President, but is concerned that she can't make it to meetings because of her accompanying commitments.
- Mary Lee Voort is willing to continue as Corresponding Secretary.
- Christine is willing to still be involved in the organization and running of the branch, but because of recent health issues has not been able to attend meetings.
- Secretary position has been vacant for two years
- **Please seriously consider how you would be able to contribute to our group in an executive position**

A message will be sent a message to Renee Werenka asking if we could have the next meeting at her house, and one of the members stated that Renee had said that she could attend meetings if they were held at her house.

A meeting availability questionnaire will be sent to the members so we can try to find a day/time to include as many members as possible in the meetings. Please take the time to fill out this important questionnaire. If you have any problems contact Christine at 327-2073 or by email at [c4rogers@telus.net](mailto:c4rogers@telus.net)

**Next Meeting date: April 2nd, 2012--Time and Location to be confirmed.**