

LRMTA Meeting Minutes for Feb. 6, 2012

- Suzanne Lint and Claire Hatton did a presentation/discussion on the new Lethbridge Community Arts Centre (LCAC).
 - will be open January 2013, running by March/April (moving in period).
 - 2 floors, ~3x size of the Bowman Arts Centre (BAC), 1/3 will be occupied by the Conservatory of Music.
 - Community room - will have a grand piano, 180 cabaret seating (very large), black like Sterndale Bennett. Book it through Claire for \$15/hour. The piano will be available to appropriate users who know how to take care of it. You can also book the kitchen when using this room.
 - Mon/Tues/Wed bookings at the LCAC will be for ongoing regular activities. Thu/Fri/Sat/Sun will be for one-offs (recitals, performances, sales, non-monthly).
 - Hours: 9am-10pm; 10am-7pm Sundays.
 - Better chairs (stackable).
 - Will there be a podium w/ mic? They hadn't considered that yet, but they agreed it would be a good thing to have so they will look into it.
 - Will VHS be viewable there? Yes, but only on a TV at the moment (but perhaps if someone has the right cables, it could be viewable on a projector). It was discussed that people with VHS should convert it to DVD (via a person with such equipment) before it's too late.
 - In March/April, they will call for schedules to plan for the next year. If there are conflicting schedules and it cannot be resolved, a lottery will be done.
 - The year will run from Sept-Aug.
 - For recitals - definitely want to direct us to the community room, as it is large and has a grand piano, but we may also be able to use the meeting room with an upright piano and only 15-20 audience members. Donations during the recitals are ok.
 - Will the piano be tuned? Not by LCAC, but maybe by the U of L.
 - Insurance - covered by LCAC.
 - There will be a programmable TV with announcements, as well as an outdoor sign.
 - What happens to BAC? No decision yet, but it will be closed for a time. It may be used for storage for arts groups. It will cost a lot to keep as it has massive foundation issues.
 - Some days will have open house performances.

Regular Items

- Approval of minutes by Linda Dickey and Joan Milton.
- Treasurer's Report: Balances as of Jan. 4th: Operating account: \$785.01; Awards account: \$2676.87
- Kiwanis Festival (Doreen): March 19-31, 2012.
 - Next year's dates are one week earlier than this year.
 - Why are the young kids playing in the gigantic Yates? Apparently this issue is due to the fact that Lethbridge is paying less than the Canadian average, so we've had some troubles getting adjudicators. The LRMTA members are interested in knowing how much adjudicators are getting paid here, as well as if it's just the piano adjudicators who are getting paid less than the national average.

- ARMTA news:
 - Fee reminder: our local fees will remain at \$35 until we discuss this at our April meeting. A \$35 cheque made out to LRMTA must be included when you send in your ARMTA renewal form. Each member is responsible for sending in their own renewal. Please contact Christine with any questions.
 - LRMTA activity reports: usually prepared by ARMTA branch rep to be submitted at board meetings
 - Tempo - ARMTA's Tempo Magazine is always looking for items for their issues. The next deadline, I believe, is March 1st. They are interested in receiving reviews of books or teaching materials, articles about teaching techniques or tips, or anything that you might want to share that would be of interest to other teachers. The contact person is Melissa Lacroix and her email is morelacroix@gmail.com
 - Archives - minutes, executive lists, reports, photos with names can be sent to Lynda Nugent in Calgary if we want them to be stored in a vault in Edmonton.
 - CFMTA Voice/piano competition will be held in Halifax in 2013.
- AMEF News: www.amef.ca - letter voicing our concerns has been sent
- Allied Arts Council renewal has been sent in
- Next coffee meeting cancelled (it's during Family Week)

Old Business/Continuing Items

- Business license - price went down to \$162.
- Policies and Procedures Review: changes to be adopted at next annual meeting (April)
 - new local fee changes will be discussed at April meeting
- Recitals:
 - Saturday, March 10th: Library, 2:30 p.m. Festival Preparation Recital
 - Linda Dickey and Doreen Laing convenors
 - please have names in at least one week before
 - May: General Recital: Sat. May 12th University of Lethbridge Recital Hall:
 - time to be confirmed
 - Lorrie Wittke and Betty Jo Radley convenors
 - Saturday, June 2nd 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

New Business:

- Marilynn Snyder Master Lessons: Please call Joan Milton at 327-0012 if you are interested in having any students participate in master lessons with Marilynn Snyder by the end of February. The lessons would take place at the end of April with the dates to be confirmed. The students would be responsible for the lesson fees. The rate is \$60 per hour and lesson length is flexible and group lessons are available for students at similar levels. Travel fee arrangements will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Meeting day change? Thursday mornings was vetoed as the same people can't make it on Thursdays as can't make it Mondays. It was decided to keep to Monday mornings for the time being.