

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday January 16th, 2006

Christine Rogers brought the meeting to order at her home. There were 7 members present. Linda Loose was unable to attend, so Christine took the minutes as well.

Christine welcomed new member Karen MacDonald, recently moved from B.C. to Fort Macleod. Karen has been an active member of the BCRMTA for the past twenty years, and has lots of teaching experience. Last year she had a chance to travel to Cambodia and work with piano students at the Royal Cultural University in Phnom Penh. Welcome to Karen!

Please add Karen MacDonald's information to your directory:

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Linda Loose is unable to continue as secretary, but will continue as ARMTA board representative. Christine took the minutes for the meeting. Karen volunteered to act as secretary until our annual general meeting in April. Thank you to Karen and thank you to Linda Loose for her work as secretary over the last two years.

Linda Dickey moved the acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Alma Davies. Carried.

Corrie Hausauer moved that the minutes of our November meeting be accepted as circulated. Betty Jo Radley seconded. Carried.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. Our chequing account balance is \$355.56 and our Scholarship account is \$2993.42. Corrie has requested that our branch be allowed to keep the \$10 per member for AMEF fees to cover the cost of updating our website. He has yet to hear a response. The ARMTA provincial administrator, Dale Bawal has resigned. His mother, Susan Bawal will be acting as administrator in the interim. Corrie moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded by Joan Milton. Carried.

Andrew was unable to attend, but dropped off posters for the next Family Concert Association presentation, "The Charm of Venice" on Friday, January 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Southminster Hall.

Christine will look into our branch once again making a presentation to University of Lethbridge students. She will check with Deanna Oye. It was decided that we would try to use the University of Lethbridge recital hall for a recital in May. We will decide the date at our next meeting when we have more information from Marilyn regarding Piano Class Festival dates

that month. Deanna Oye has offered to do a masterclass for our students. Christine will see what dates might work for her.

Because of the Federal election, Bill C-271 to amend the Income Tax Act to extend the tuition tax credit and education tax credit to music students studying privately will need to be reintroduced after the election. CFMTA will keep us posted.

Charmain and Corrie Hausauer continue to work on implementing and updating our new website: lrmta.com. Thanks to Charmain and Corrie.

Corrie is making plans to print a new brochure. Please send him any updates.

Recent recitals were successful. A big thank you to Corrie Hausauer and Joan Milton for preparing the awards for our annual awards presentation. To prevent future errors in exam mark information, it was suggested that teachers keep a running list of exam marks and either hand in marks and names by hard copy or e-mail rather than by telephone.

It was decided that our next recital will be Saturday, March 11th at 2:30 p.m. Christine will look into booking a venue. Betty Jo Radley and Lorrie Wittke will be the convenors. Betty Jo will be taking the names. The deadline is one week before the recital.

A luncheon with the RC examiner Marcella Osmond will take place Thursday, Jan 19th at 12:30 p.m. at Streetside. Christine will make the reservations.

The Kiwanis Festival deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 18th. The Festival will take place March 10th to April 1st. The new executive director's name is Carole Roberts.

Christine will be preparing a grant application for our scholarship program and submitting it to the Rotary Club's Small Projects Grant program.

A number of years ago, our branch purchased the APRO ear training tapes. These are available for members to borrow.

It was decided that Corrie would give away the final CD's leftover from our last fundraiser.

Christine will be receiving information regarding public forums for the development of a civic arts policy by the Allied Arts Council.

Linda Dickey read a copy of a letter she received from another teacher written to the Royal Conservatory examination department regarding concerns over the length, questions and material on the Grade 5 Analysis exam.

Our next meeting will be a Monday, February 6th at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music.

Highlights and Reminders

- Our copy card at Staples is available for photocopies related to branch business. Members must initial their purchases.
- Our website address is: **lrmta.com**
- Our next recital will be Saturday, March 11th at 2:30 p.m. The location will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business licenses
 - Information to U of L graduates
 - High school special projects credits
 - brochure/website updates
 - upcoming recitals
 - fundraising
- New items
 - nominating committee for annual meeting
 - Piano Class Festival