

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday, June 2nd, 2008

Christine Rogers called the meeting to order at her home at 1621 Lakeshore Rd. S. at 9:30 a.m. Present were Corrie Hausauer, Christine Rogers, Joan Milton, Deanna Oye and Andrew Gierulski. Christine welcomed and introduced guest and prospective member, Marjorie Hewson from Claresholm.

The agenda was approved with Joan Milton moving and Andrew Gierulski seconding. The minutes were accepted as circulated, moved by Andrew Gierulski, and seconded by Joan Milton.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. The awards account balance is \$2632.60. All cheques have now cleared from the November awards. The operating account balance is \$3395.39. This includes \$2480 that we have collected for the Kiwanis Festival awards in Barbara Walker's name. The Treasurer's report was adopted as presented.

Andrew reported that the Family Concerts Association has completed another successful season.

Joan circulated information regarding the ARMTA provincial round of the CFMTA National Piano competition which will take place on October 31st, 2008 in Red Deer in conjunction with the Alberta Music Conference. Deadline for application is Sept. 15th. More details are on the ARMTA website.

AMEF will be holding the Musicians in Motion Walk-a-thon on Saturday, June 21st in Red Deer. All proceeds will go to the AMEF Achievement Awards. If you wish to send a pledge, have your cheque made out to AMEF to Christine by June 16th and she will send it to AMEF. Please seriously consider supporting this event. Our students have greatly benefitted from this program.

Our membership in the Allied Arts Council has been approved. There are many opportunities for advertising our organization and events. The AAC sponsors the Joan Waterfield Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to the arts community in Lethbridge. We may consider nominating one of our members in the future. Joan Milton moved and Andrew Gierulski seconded that we spend \$25 for our listing in the AAC Directory of Members. Christine will take care of arrangements.

The AAC has included city business licensing in its goals for the coming year. Suzanne Lint of the AAC related plans to Christine regarding strategies for improvement of the situation.

Deanna reported that the March 2009 conference which includes sessions and presentations by Dr. Jean Barr will be expanded. She will have more details in the fall.

Christine and Marilyn plan to meet to review our branch bylaws.

We have collected \$2480 for the Barbara Walker Kiwanis Festival awards. Doreen is making arrangements for their disbursement.

Christine and Joan reported on the final recitals.

Christine will contact Doreen regarding the possible APTA workshop with Joseph Fridmann that we would like to reschedule for Nov. 8th.

Christine reported that Brenda Squair's ARMTA application has been processed. Brenda Squair is from Pincher Creek and was a member a few years ago. We warmly welcome her back to our branch.

It was decided that our branch local fee would be pro-rated from \$35 to \$20 for members joining after our March 31st date.

A big thank you to Deanna Oye for her presentation at our May open house meeting. Twenty-one teachers attended.

We have collected \$390 from our fundraising donation letter for our awards program. Thanks to all teachers who circulated the letter to students and parents. The possibility of a fundraising concert next year in conjunction with local choirs was proposed.

In Karen's absence, Joan and Christine reported that from their perspective, the Piano Class Festival seemed to be a success. Direct feedback from Karen and Marilyn will be available at future meetings.

Christine reported on information regarding a concert tour by Laurie Duncan of Manitoba. Christine circulated a petition to save the CBC Radio Orchestra.

Corrie will look into website possibilities.

Christine reported on the fee survey results.

The RC Piano Syllabus workshop is on for Saturday, October 4th at McKillop United Church. Dale Wheeler will be presenting. More details will be finalized in September.

The RC examiner luncheon will be Tuesday, June 24th at 12:30 at Streetside. Please call Betty Jo by Monday, June 23rd so she can make the reservation.

Deanna Oye moved and Corrie Hausauer seconded a \$30 gift certificate for Jan and Case Boskers to thank them for the use of the recital hall. Christine will make arrangements.

APTA membership application forms are available from Christine. The \$45 annual fee is due in September.

Music a Window to the Soul, by Lorraine Kneier (Calgary) is dedicated to Barbara Walker and is available at Note-able music. For more information contact the following:

- Website: www.musicawindowtothesoul.ca
- Author's phone number (403) 860-4463

Contact Carol Bishel for information about the following music Books for sale:

- Frederick Iliffe, Analysis of Bach's 48 preludes and Fugues, Bk II (original price \$18)
- Arthur Crighton, A Workbook for Music Analysis (some assignments are used so this one is free)
- Arthur Crighton, Answers for above Workbook (original price \$10)

Christine introduced the idea of a performer's club for our branch. Members who are interested in sharing repertoire they are working on might meet informally 2 or 3 times a year.

Corrie reported that CFMTA conference will be July 4-6 in Oshawa, Ontario. Corrie will be attending.

The meeting concluded with a brief coffee and conversation time.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 8th at the home of Christine Rogers at 1621 Lakeshore Road S.