

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday, March 7th, 2005

Christine Rogers brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 11 members present. Marilyn Sinclair moved the acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Joan Milton. Carried.

Doreen Laing moved that the minutes of our February meeting be accepted as circulated. Linda Dickey seconded. Carried.

Corrie Hausauer gave the Treasurer's report. Our chequing account has a balance of \$209.14. Our Scholarship account has a balance of \$2,822.28. Corrie moved the acceptance of the Treasurer's Report. Betty Jo seconded. Carried.

Marilyn Sinclair read a nice thank you letter from the Lethbridge Regional Hospital thanking us for the Christmas Recital held there in December. There was such a great turn out and they appreciated it so much.

Christine gave a report on the plans for the Dale Wheeler Workshop to be held May 7th 1:30-4:30 p.m. Lethbridge Public Library. The topics will be 1) Keyboard Harmony; 2) Incorporating theory into the piano lesson, and 3) Teaching Rhythm. Linda Loose passed out the posters for this event. Betty Jo Radley will distribute these posters throughout the downtown businesses as discussed. Doreen Laing will be sending posters and information to the Southern Alberta Piano Teachers Association and the Medicine Hat teachers. The cost is \$18.00 for non-members and \$15.00 for members (Music Theory Workshop). We are encouraged to attend this workshop and let advanced students and teachers know of this event so there is a good turn out.

In regards to the continual debate with the Business License with the city, Christine will be talking to Lorrie Wittke and draw up a follow-up letter to the city council about our concerns and will bring a draft of that letter to our next meeting for our approval.

Raffle tickets are still available from Corrie Hausauer for the CFMTA's quilt. He will have these tickets available at the door for our next recital.

On April 13th, Christine and Corrie will be giving a short presentation from 2:00-2:30 at the University of Lethbridge. This will help those in the music department and students know of our association and the benefits from being involved. They will be talking to Deanna Oye regarding a student from the University performing as a guest artist at our April Recital. A question was raised as to whether or not there might be any performing or masterclass opportunities for our students at the U of L. Christine will follow up on this suggestion.

Our next recital will be held Saturday, April 9th at 2:30 p.m. at Park Meadows Baptist Church on the northside at 2011 - 15th Avenue North - near Safeway and Stan Siwik Pool. Apparently they have a brand new Kawai piano that is very nice. Lorrie Wittke and Joan Milton are convenors.

There is still needed a convenor for the May 15th pop/duet recital at McKillop United Church. If you would be willing, please let Christine know.

Our final adult recital will be June 4th at 10:30 at the Sterndale Bennett. Alma Davies and Christine Rogers have volunteered to be the convenors.

Doreen Laing reported that the Kiwanis Festival is to be held April 11-13. They are on a new computer system and as a result the schedule cards may be a little late in getting to you. Be patient! They are also putting more advertising in the programs and if you would like to put one in contact Minda Rodgeron. The cost is \$100.00. The final concert for this festival will be held June 5th or 12th. This is a little later than other years.

Christine brought to our attention the introduction of Bill C-271 which is an attempt to amend the Income Tax Act to allow private studio teachers to issue tax receipts for Deductible Tuition for students participating in a recognized course of music study. She has drafted a letter which she encourages us to send to our MP if we so wish (or write our own letter). She will be sending a letter to our MP Rick Casson using our letterhead from our branch in support of this bill. (A copy of this letter was passed out to each member at our meeting and I am enclosing a copy to the members receiving these minutes by mail).

There is also a Provincial Bill being introduced in April. This Bill proposes that there should be a 5 credit Fine-arts requirement for graduation from High School. Christine encouraged us to write a letter to our provincial politicians regarding our own feelings. She passed out a sheet with their addresses.

Marilyn Sinclair passed out the application sheets for the Piano Class Festival. The festival will run May 16th-27th. The deadline for entry is April 15th. Deanna Oye will be the adjudicator. Contact Marilyn for more details. She will be needing volunteer secretaries to help during the sessions, especially in the afternoon. She has one more year before serving for 25 years. She will no longer be organizing the Piano Class Festival after the 2006 session. Please consider taking over this important position and if you are interested, contact Marilyn or Christine.

The subject for our RC workshop this fall will be the new ARCT teachers requirements. Christine will be making the arrangements for this.

Corrie Hausauer attended the Provincial meeting and gave a report. He gave a presentation in regards to our concerns about their decision to cancel the music writing competition. The lady in charge previously has been ill and as a result the competition fell through the cracks. As a result, Joan Milton and Marilyn Sinclair are now the new convenors for this music writing competition. Thank you so much for accepting this!

Corrie will no longer be the representative from our branch. Linda Loose has volunteered to replace Corrie as our Provincial Rep to ARMTA. Thank you Linda!

Joan Milton volunteered to be the nominating committee for our upcoming annual meeting. Please consider volunteering for any open executive position.

Our membership fees are due again. They are \$35.00 local and \$110.00 provincial. Please contact Corrie.

Christine reminded us that in our recent Tempo Magazine, we are to fill out the survey asking whether or not you are interested in group health insurance for ARMTA. You can return these to Corrie and he will forward them with the fees.

We are sorry to be losing one of our members. Rina Lichtenwald is moving to Saskatchewan. Christine passed out a farewell card for us to sign. We shall miss Rina but wish her and her husband the very best and hope she enjoys her new home.

Cheryl Hudak informed us that she has another location in which she will be teaching. Her mother just bought a new piano and lives on the Southside and Cheryl will be teaching there as well as her Westside home. Because of this, she will be accepting new students.

Doreen informed us that there is a high-polish black Yamaha Piano (20 yrs. Old) available for \$3500.00. If you are interested or know of someone interested contact Mrs. Thomas, 2010 - 20th Ave. N.

The meeting was adjourned by Christine. Our next meeting will be Monday, April 4th 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.tymely.com**
- Raffle tickets for the CFMTA's quilt are still available. Contact Corrie.
- Family Concerts Association's next concert will be held April 8th @ 7:00 p.m. at Southminster Church Hall. If you have students willing to perform in preparation for the Kiwanis Music Festival (music or speech) contact Andrew Gierulski at 380-2874.
- The Dale Wheeler workshop will be held May 7th from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in the Lethbridge Public Library.
- The Kiwanis Festival is April 11-13th.
- The Festival Preparation Recital will be held Saturday, April 9th at 2:30 p.m. at Park Meadows Baptist Church on the northside at 2011-15th Ave. North – near Safeway and Stan Siwik Pool.
- Send letter regarding Bill C-271 to your MP representative.
- Fill out survey in the recent Tempo magazine if you are interested in group health insurance for ARMTA.
- Write a letter expressing your feelings in connection with the Provincial bill regarding the 5 credit Fine-arts requirement for graduation.
- The Piano Class Festival will be held May 16th-27th. Deadline for registration is April 15th.
- The Pop/Duet Recital will be held Sunday, May 15th at the McKillop United Church at 2:30 p.m.
- The final Adult Recital of the year will be Saturday, June 4th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sterndale Bennett.

- Fees are now due. \$35.00 local and \$110.00 provincial. Contact Corrie.
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