

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday May 2nd, 2005

Christine Rogers brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 7 members present. She welcomed Jodi Vander Woude, graduating student from the U of L. Linda is recovering from surgery, so Christine took the minutes as well. We wish Linda a speedy recovery.

Doreen Laing moved the acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Betty Jo Radley. Carried.

Joan Milton moved that the minutes of our April meeting be accepted as circulated. Betty Jo Radley seconded. Carried.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. The chequing account balance is \$688.16 and the scholarship account is \$2862.28. After discussion about two scholarship cheques that were not cashed, Marilyn made a motion to issue new cheques to Adrienne Gomes and Dana Baillie. The motion was seconded by Linda Dickey. It was decided that our policy will remain that award winners must cash cheques within a month of receiving them, but that in extenuating circumstances we would consider re-issuing cheques on a case by case basis. Corrie will continue to look into the \$300 we have pledged for CFMTA.

The Family Concerts Association had its final program of the year on April 8th. It was a great success and featured a number of performers preparing for the Kiwanis Festival.

The Dale Wheeler workshop is set for May 7th, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Public Library. Please plan to support our branch by attending. Corrie will make up a float for admission at the door. Linda will pick up the float and a receipt book beforehand. Christine and Linda will be there early to set up.

Christine read a letter that she had received from the City in response to our letter clarifying points from our presentation to the Community Issues Committee. The letter advised us that the City will not be revisiting the license issue in the near future. Christine will talk to Lorrie about our branch continuing to pursue this issue. If any members have any new ideas, please contact Lorrie or Christine.

Christine and Corrie made a presentation to U of L students on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 13th. Corrie and Christine felt it went well and was a good first step to raising our branch's profile with U of L students. We will continue to pursue opportunities for our students at the U of L in regard to workshops and recitals. The handout outlining information about our branch might be useful for members with senior and ARCT students. Christine has copies available.

Members reported that the Festival Preparation recital on Saturday, April 9th at Park Meadows Baptist Church was successful. The performance by two University students as guest artists was a great addition to the program, hopefully inspiring to our students. We will try to make arrangements for other U of L guest artists at recitals next year.

Our Pop/Duet recital is set for Sunday, May 15th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church. Linda Loose and Cheryl Hudak are the convenors. Contact either one with entries.

Christine Rogers and Alma Davies will convene the adult recital on Saturday, June 4th at 10:30 a.m. in the Sterndale Bennett Theatre. No program will be printed, but please let Christine know beforehand if you have students interested in playing.

The Piano Class Festival begins May 16th. Marilyn passed around a sign-up sheet for secretaries to the Piano Class Festival adjudicator. She especially needs volunteers for afternoon sessions. Please contact her to volunteer for a session. Morning sessions run from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and afternoon sessions from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Marilyn will convene this year's Festival and next year's. Please consider taking over or helping with organizing this important opportunity for our students.

Members discussed the recent Kiwanis Festival. There were many concerns regarding the senior piano adjudicator. Doreen suggested that we write a letter from our branch recommending that this adjudicator no longer be considered for Lethbridge Kiwanis classes. She will draft a letter and bring it back to the branch. A number of concerns regarding parking at Festival venues were raised. We will see if solutions can be found.

Linda Dickey agreed to be the contact person for RSVP's for the RC workshop in the fall. Christine will keep us informed of arrangements as she hears from Mimi Spencer at RCM examinations.

Joan Milton and Marilyn Sinclair have purchased a framed original oil painting by Ed Crowe of the Lethbridge High Level Bridge that our branch will donate to the CFMTA auction. Doreen mentioned that she has seen a small booklet outlining the history of the Bridge that might go well with the painting. Joan will look into this. Andrew and Maria will be donating a garden statue to the silent auction as well. Christine will notify Peggy L'Hoir (one of the silent auction coordinators) of the items. Thank you to Joan and Marilyn for making arrangements and for transporting the items to the Conference in Calgary.

Magazine subscriptions are coming due. If you are interested in *Clavier*, have a cheque for \$17 in U.S. funds to Marilyn by the end of May. Keyboard Companion is not due until September. A cheque for \$25 Canadian made out to Marcia Sommerfeldt is required.

Christine reported that a bill introduced in the Alberta Legislature requesting the government consider a 5-credit fine arts requirement for graduation was passed unanimously, even though concerns and challenges in implementing such a change were raised during the debate. In a related manner, Marilyn reported that she will be looking into changes in the "Special Projects" high school course that has previously allowed students getting high school credits for choir to get credits for singing exams and band students to get credits for piano exams. She will keep us informed as she gets more information.

Corrie reviewed last year's budget with members. New amounts were set for the coming year. Corrie will draft a new budget that will be circulated to members. Thanks to Corrie and Charmain for their work on the financial arrangements for our branch.

Beginning this April, AMEF (Alberta Music Education Foundation) will no longer be accepting bulk membership fees as in the past, but will be encouraging individuals to join. The cost of membership will be \$40 each or as in our case as a group with a minimum of 10 members, \$20 each. Previously a similar fee was collected with our provincial ARMTA fees and then forwarded to AMEF. AMEF is in the process establishing its own scholarships and will be working on establishing guidelines for projects and funding. After discussion, Marilyn moved that our branch should support AMEF and members should join at the \$20 group rate. Seconded by Doreen Laing. Carried. All members were in agreement. Please contact Corrie to make arrangements for your payment. If you have any questions call Christine or Corrie.

Doreen Laing moved that we purchase a \$30 gift certificate as a thank you for Jan and Case Boskers. Betty Jo Radley seconded. Carried. Christine will make the arrangements.

It was suggested that we hold a final meeting June 6th at 9:30 at Christine's house and combine it with a potluck breakfast social. Christine will see if there is any interest.

Christine will call Barb Walker and make arrangements for lunch with the RC examiner in June. If you are interested in attending, call Christine at 327-2073 or send an e-mail.

Call Carla at 327-5745 at the Alberta Wild Rose Lodge if you would like to present a student recital sometime between June 6th and 12th.

The meeting was adjourned.

Our next regular meeting will be on Monday, September 12th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Christine Rogers at 1621 Lakeshore Road S. (Turn onto 20th Ave. off Mayor Magrath Drive at Montana's Restaurant. Turn at the

lights at the corner of the Family Medical Clinic onto Lakeside Road. Drive a block and a half and turn right onto Lakeshore Road when you come to the green strip.)

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**
- If you have any questions regarding our website or have any information to update contact Corrie Hausauer at 380-6068.
- Raffle ticket books are available for CFMTA's quilt raffle. Contact Corrie Hausauer at 380-6068 if you are interested.
- The Dale Wheeler workshop is set for May 7th, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the Public Library. Please plan to support our branch by attending.
- Contact Marilyn to volunteer as a secretary for the Piano Class Festival, especially for an afternoon session.
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- Please contact Corrie to make arrangements for the \$20 payment to join AMEF. Call Christine if you have any questions or concerns.

Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business licenses
 - CFMTA conference money: \$300 for 2005
 - RC workshop for the Fall
 - U of L connections
 - high school special projects credits (Marilyn)
 - Annual Financial Budget (Corrie)
 - Lunch with RC examiners in June
 - letter to Festival Committee regarding senior piano adjudicator (Doreen)
 - AMEF memberships
- New items for Fall
 - fundraiser
 - handouts, updated directory
 - update name plates
 - tentative recital dates