

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday, September 12th, 2005

Christine Rogers brought the meeting to order at her home. There were 14 members present. She welcome Evan Schaaf and Sing Ha Lee from the University of Lethbridge.

Linda Dickey moved the acceptance of the agenda. Seconded by Corrie Hausauer. Carried.

Christine moved that the minutes of our June meeting be accepted as circulated. Seconded by Doreen Laing. Carried.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. The chequing account has a balance of \$356.99 and the Scholarship account has a balance of \$2,872.70. Corrie moved the acceptance of the treasurer's report. Linda Loose seconded.

Christine read a letter from ARMTA explaining the return of \$10.00 per member to each of the branches. This is the money we gave when we paid our dues to ARMTA and AMEF. Since they are not continuing together, the board felt that this was the best way to handle the AMEF fees we paid.

Andrew Gierulski gave a review of the plans which are being made in regards to the Family Concerts Association. There will be 4 concerts given this year and they will be held in the Southminster United Church. The first one will be held on September 30th and the theme will be music from the Spanish culture. There will be one on November 4th with music of the Oriental flavour. On January 20th, there will be a concert with music from the City of Venice. The final concert will be held on March 17th and will be a concert in preparation for the Kiwanis Music Festival. There is a lot of educational information given at each concert and they are so enjoyable. Andrew has given us an invitation to have our students participate at these concerts and also gave his appreciation to us for our support. Each of these concerts are for families and are held on Fridays at 7:00 p.m.

Christine informed us that we are at a standstill with the city council in regards to business licenses. Council does not want to make any changes at this time. She read a letter stating that they had received our letter of concern. That seems to be the end of it for now.

Christine reported that we have a great connection with the University of Lethbridge and they are very willing to work with us in the future. Deanna Oye brought another interested student to our meeting today. The university has given us permission to use the Recital Hall for one of our recitals. We will also be getting a brochure in regards to future masterclasses and noon recitals etc. We are always welcome to come and enjoy these classes but we need to let them know ahead of time. Deanne is also very willing to do a individual masterclass for our advanced students if we are interested.

The RC workshop will be held Saturday, October 15th from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at McKillop United Church. Linda Dickey is in charge of registration. Posters were available and handed out to us. Marilyn Sinclair is going to hand some to the APTA

and Doreen Laing will also be handing out posters for advertising. Betty Jo Radley will be taking some posters to our usual spots used in the past. A volunteer is still needed for the Simulated Elementary Pedagogy exam. If you or one of your students are willing to do this, please contact Linda Dickey at 329-4874.

A short discussion was given in regards to the CFMTA Conference held this summer. It was very good but all agreed that more time was needed for each session. There just wasn't enough time to get much information. The entertainment was wonderful as well as the food and lodgings.

Christine read a letter from CFMTA thanking us for our donation to their silent auction. Apparently we raised \$200.00.

Marilyn Sinclair informed us that our magazine subscriptions were due. The Keyboard Companion for \$25.00 Canadian. A cheque should be made out to Marcia Sommerfeldt. It is due now.

The teacher's present seemed to be very satisfied with the examiners at our June and August exams.

In regards to the High School Special Projects credits, Marilyn has not been able to get a hold of Edmonton but will keep us posted and hopefully have some information for our next meeting.

Doreen Laing and Linda Dickey have not received any letter or feedback in regards to their letter to the Festival Committee and our concerns about the adjudicator used this past festival.

Christine has written a letter to several government officials in regards to the Federal Tax Bill. We are also encouraged to write our MLA and other officials and be pro-active in getting this bill passed. (You will find a copy of this letter and you can use it as guide or copy if you like.)

Corrie gave us an update on our new Website. Some new links are requested and he will let us know when it is up and running. The name of the site may have to be changed.

Christine also read us a letter from the Minister of Education and they are beginning to look into the Alberta Fine Arts bill.

Corrie also passed out the next Tempo magazine which is ready to send out. There are a few changes in the format but it looks really good. He also passed out some new music published by Frederick Harris Music Publishing and asked for volunteers to help look over the music and give a book report for the Tempo Magazine. The music books that anyone took, they were able to keep as a thank you.

Christine handed out the Directory to have us look over for any changes that need to be made for the updated version. If you have any changes, please let Christine know. Also, the changes needed for the nameplates are due by the end of October. Contact Corrie if you need to have yours changed.

There was a discussion about our upcoming recitals. Marilyn Sinclair suggested that our recitals need to be more general. The Pop/Duets etc. should be performed during all the recitals and just not the Pop/Duet Recital. This should bring more attendance and entries to the recitals. It was also suggested that perhaps the

recitals should be held on Friday night or Saturday morning. At this time, Christine passed around the sign-up sheet for tentative year's recitals. No date has yet been decided for our November Awards Recital. Corrie Hausauer and Joan Milton have volunteered to help with the awards for this recital. Remember to bring your First Class Honor Student's names at our October meeting.

The AMEF awards marks are due October 5th. Christine is the contact person so be sure to give your marks to her before then. It was brought to our attention that awards will be given for each region. This means that the LRMTA students will just be competing with each other and not the whole province. This is for practical piano marks only and there are three divisions: Grades 1-4; Grades 5-8; and Grades 9-ARCT.

Christine mentioned it is time to plan for the 2005/2006 Fundraiser. She will be writing the 1st Choice Saving and Credit Union asking for a grant of \$1200.00. They request a copy of our last two years financial statements. Hopefully they will be generous to us.

Christine passed out the yearly calendar and the release forms for permission from students and their parents to release their marks (Privacy Act).

Doreen brought us up to date in regards to the Kiwanis Music Festival. Debbie Rauhala is the new secretary and will be working with Linda Bailey for this year. The festival will be held March 20-April 1. The deadline for applications is January 18th. If you have suggestions for adjudicators, please contact Doreen.

The meeting was adjourned and a light lunch served. The next meeting will be held on October 3rd 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.
- If you have any questions regarding our website or have any information to update contact Corrie Hausauer at 380-6068
- Student or teacher volunteers are needed for the simulated Elementary Level Viva Voce evaluation for the RC workshop on October 15th. Please contact Linda Dickey if you are interested or have senior students that might be willing to do this.
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- If you have changes that need to be made to our Directory, contact Christine. Changes to the Name-plates need to be given to Corrie.
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