

DRAFT MINUTES FOR APRIL MEETING  
April 3, 2006 at Note-able Music

Meeting called to order by Christine Rogers. Present were Christine Rogers, Linda Dickey, Marilyn Sinclair, Joan Milton, Andrew Gierulski, Betty-Jo Radley, Corrie Hausauer and Karen MacDonald.

The Agenda was approved by Linda Dickey and seconded by Karen MacDonald. Approval of the March Minutes was proposed by Joan Milton and seconded by Marilyn Sinclair.

Corrie gave us the Treasurer's report: Chequing account \$903.19 and the Scholarship Account now has \$2,890.03. Corrie moved and I seconded to adopt the Treasurer's report as read.

Rental bills for the library and Sterndale Bennett are in and will be dealt with by Corrie.

Andrew gave us a report on the Family Concert - it was well attended, the performers all did a fine job, and the variety was enjoyed by everyone. A successful endeavour all round – thanks!

Kiwanis Festival Recital report – Betty Jo said the recital went well but the monetary proceeds were very disappointing. We discussed various ways of improving this in the future.

Under Old Business a variety of topics were revisited:

The Business License conundrum is ongoing.

Final recital dates confirmed:

- May 13 @ 2:30 p.m. in the U of L Recital Hall
- Adult Class – June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Saturday 10:30 a.m. at the Sterndale Bennett
- Master class presentation: Deanna Oye will do this on Friday evening May 5<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 in the U of L Recital Hall. There will be no charge. She will start with a lecture on memorization and

effective practice techniques, and then the students can play. It was decided that 6 to 8 students could participate depending on their levels; we could start with one student per teacher, and if there are still spots we will open it up. Christine will be taking names for participation. Please include the grade level and the name of the piece when information is given to Christine.

Piano Class Festival deadline April 15 – entries to Marilyn

Presentation to U of L students will be happening on April 5 – Christine and Corrie will report on its reception.

High School Special Projects credits – Ongoing

Branch Brochure update – nothing new to report

Allied Arts council report – Christine attended the forum on Friday night. There is a desire to form an umbrella under which all art groups can liaison with the city with the intention of promoting and assisting all artistic endeavours here in Lethbridge. As they clarify their mandate we will decide if this is something we wish to actively join.

Other Correspondence –there was no new correspondence.

New Business:

Kiwanis Festival feedback – Marilyn reported that the main issue was the poor quality of the instruments provided for use, and their lack of tuning. Criticism was made of the Choral adjudicator in that the critiques were very dry, and not directed to the children. Other than this the event was a success.

Participation in the Great Human Race was discussed. We have done this as a Branch in the past with great success and it was decided to try and find a representative again this year. However, in the light of new information as to the distribution of the pledge monies – namely that it now goes to AMEF and the local branches receive nothing, and the fact that it is held in Edmonton so that it is awkward to participate, it was decided to give it a miss this year. Individual pledges will still be welcomed for those who wish to contribute and can go directly to Dawn Hrywkiw (executive director of

AMEF). These can be brought to our May meeting and we will forward them to Dawn. Cheques should be made out to the Great Human Race. The money that AMEF receives will be available for various programs including the AMEF achievement prizes that students from our branch received last year.

Our bid for Rotary Club monies was unsuccessful – thanks to Christine for pursuing this avenue for us.

Magazine subscriptions were mentioned, but as they are not due until September we will address that topic at a later meeting.

AGM: a Board of Directors was confirmed for the next year:

President – Christine Rogers

Vice-President – Linda Dickey

Treasurer – Corrie Hausauer

Secretary – Karen MacDonald

Mary Lee Voort will continue as corresponding Secretary

Marilyn proposed that we have the final concert for the Piano Class Festival on the Saturday night May 27 instead of the Friday. This seems to be fine with all.

We had a discussion on potential ways of building membership in response to a request from Beth Olver of the Calgary branch. Ideas included: updated website, music store signboards, brochures, U of L presentation to students. The ongoing problem we are having regarding the business licenses has affected negatively our membership building. Linda Dickey also brought up the idea of member sponsorship, i.e. possibly paying the fees for one interested member for the first year so they can try it out. We will be discussing this further at future meetings.

Next Meeting will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> at Note-able music at 9:30.