

Minutes LRMTA meeting, Monday September 14th, 2009

Welcome was extended by Christine and the meeting was called to order. In attendance were Betty-Jo Radley, Christine Rogers, Doreen Laing, Linda Dickey, Tamara Bowie, Joan Milton, Deanne Oye, Brenda Lockmuller, Alma Davies, Cheryl Hudak, Corrie Hausauer, and Isabelle Slater.

The agenda approval was proposed by Linda and seconded by Doreen. The approval of the May minutes was moved by Joan and seconded by Brenda.

Welcome extended to our new member Isabelle. Amberly Steed has moved away.

Treasurer's Report was read by Christine: our current balances are \$423.87 in our operating account. Prizes for the practice-a-thon have already been paid for from this account which include \$100 in gift certificates to Note-able music and \$100 from Future shop. The scholarship account has a balance around \$1500.

Photocopying account at the UPS store has 170 copies left on our account. Corrie just had 200 more brochures printed.

Andrew will be running the Family Concert Association.

Doreen reported on Kiwanis music festival. She voiced concerns about students coming from Calgary to compete in Lethbridge's festival and receiving scholarship money when they have already received money from their festival as well. Doreen has spoken to Carol Roberts and she wants to help put a policy in place to prevent this. Students from other places can perform in our festival but if they are outside the boundary they shouldn't receive scholarships.

ARMTA representative is Karen. ARMTA is in the final stages of revising the bylaws. Members are encouraged to view the website. The new procedures are ready to be presented at the AGM and then they have to be accepted by corporate registries in Edmonton. The bylaws have been abbreviated from 15 pages to about 3 pages.

ARMTA will be changing the forms for new members to join. Dale Wheeler has worked extensively in revising these. Some of the proposed changes include a required police check for all new applicants. This will be finalized at AGM on Oct. 24th. ARMTA raised the fees to \$115/ year due to rising costs.

AMEF is in transition with a new executive. They give our group support in form of scholarships and help promote Canada music week.

LRMTA will have a booth at Artwalk this Saturday, Sept. 18th at Galt Gardens. Betty Jo will be manning the booth 10-5pm. Joan, Christine, and Tamara will stop by to help throughout the day.

RCM representative is Lou Joss who can be contacted at 403-328-1730

Deanna Oye passed out brochures for the U of L performing arts. If you would like more brochures you can contact Katherine Wasiak at 403-329-2227 at the U of L and she will mail them out to you. Members are encouraged to check out the website <http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/music> for upcoming events. Deanna will have more details at our next meeting about conference in the spring.

Coffee meeting is being organized by Betty Jo. It will take place the third Monday of the month at 9:30am at the Lethbridge Lodge Botanica gardens. First meeting is Sept. 21st.

AAC is still pursuing the business licence issue for us.

Our website is running www.lrmmta.com and if you have any suggestions please contact Renee.

Need to decide on dates for Recitals this year. Also need two conveners for each and the sign up sheet was passed around. The first recital will be in November for Canada Music week and awards.

CFMTA –Corrie reported they are working on promoting younger membership. Check out the new website for CFMTA that was launched this summer.

Also Joan reported the ARMTA is developing a database that will be up and running within a few months. Cost \$10 000 to set up.

Thanks to Karen and Marilyn for another successful piano class festival in May.

Barbara Walker fund has a total of \$3355 to be used for scholarships in Kiwanis festival.

We will be having a practice-a-thon to raise funds for our scholarship account. It has not run for 3 years and our fund is depleting. Each year we give out about \$1300 in awards. In 2003, we had 23 participants and raised \$1000. In 2006, we had 26 participants and raised \$1800. Christine challenged us to beat our 2006 funds raised. Forms and pledge sheets were handed out and also emailed. Please contact Christine if you need more. Give students the forms and have them record times and return pledges to you. The Nov. meeting is changed to Nov. 9th so that the money can be handed in at that time. A grand prize will be given for the most money raised. Other prizes will be awarded for most time practiced in each age category.

RC Theory workshop is Sunday, Oct. 4th, 1:30-4:30 at McKillop United Church. Linda Dickey will also bring refreshments.

A thank-you card was received from the examiner for the luncheon. Forms are available to nominate someone for a U of L Honorary Degree.

Doreen has agreed to do a performance anxiety workshop for us. She could do it at one of our Monday meetings. We need at least 4 volunteers to do this. Please contact Doreen if you are willing to help.

APTA conference will be Sept. 25th and 26th in Red Deer. Doreen said it will be excellent and Randall Faber is coming.

Next meeting date: Monday, Oct. 5th at Note-able Music 9:30 a.m.