

MINUTES LRMTA MEETING
Monday, February 2nd, 2009

Christine called the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 11 members present. Thank you to Joan Milton for taking notes in Karen MacDonald's absence. Christine welcomed new member, Renee Werenka, a recent grad from the U of L. She is trying to build up her Suzuki and Kindermusik students, so please keep her in mind for referrals.

Please add her contact information to your directory.

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The minutes were adopted with the following changes: Brenda Lockmuller attended the meeting instead of Brenda Squair; the CMW grant from AMEF was \$75, and the donation made in Margaret Nelson's memory was to the Lethbridge Symphony Association. Proposed by Linda Dickey, seconded by Joan Milton. Carried.

Christine presented a financial report prepared by Carol Bishel. The balance in our chequing account is \$530.27 and the balance in our savings/awards account is \$1566.13. As of the last bank statement, there were still two awards cheques outstanding: #770 to Nicole O'Neill and #791 to Gabe Kastelic. Christine moved the adoption of the treasurer's report. Seconded by Tamara Bowie. Carried.

The next Family Concerts Association concert will be a Festival Showcase on Friday, March 20th. If you have any students that are preparing for Festival who might want to perform, please contact Andrew as soon as possible at 380-2874.

ARMTA fees are now due. Have your cheque for \$110 made out to ARMTA to Christine by Feb. 16th so that she can send these to ARMTA by the end of the month. Cheques can be post-dated to March 31st. Fees are being collected earlier so that the ARMTA Directory can be prepared in time to send out with the next issue of *Tempo*.

Business license fees have risen to \$200. Christine will contact the Allied Arts Council to check into the progress of their efforts.

Corrie will arrange for nameplates to be prepared for our new members. Linda Dickey will look into the possibility of having the Signboard that was previously in Leister's, placed in the Library.

Renee volunteered to look into the re-establishment of our new website.

12 teachers attended a presentation by RC examiner, Aline Banno at the home of Jan Boskers on Wednesday, Jan. 28th. The workshop was organized by RC rep, Lou Joss. Christine will make arrangements for Mary Lee to send thank you cards to Lou and Jan.

We will be hosting a free workshop presented by Dr. Cheryl Pauls, Assistant Professor of Piano and Music Theory at the Canadian Mennonite University, on Sunday evening, March 29th from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. The recital hall at Note-able Music has been tentatively booked. The workshop will feature 20th and 21st century repertoire from the new RC books and teaching approaches to modern music. Cheryl has offered to do this for a small honorarium of \$50. Christine will continue to finalize arrangements.

Betty Jo Radley, Tamara Bowie and Renee Werenka offered to work on a committee to organize a CFMTA Young Artists Recital for Alberta competition finalist, Jessie Plessis. Jessie is a student of Deanna Oye's at the University of Lethbridge. March 14th has been suggested as a date. The recital will feature one of Jessie's own compositions which Jessie will perform with Musaeus. Renee will look into arrangements with Jessie and Deanna and Tamara will check with Rita Kennedy, the ARMTA coordinator, about possible ARMTA financial support.

Christine passed around a number of thank you cards from students who had received First Class Honors Awards as well as Herald publicity for our awards recital. She also passed around the bulletin from Margaret Nelson's memorial service.

Our next recital will be a Festival preparation recital on Saturday, March 14th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church. Christine and Betty Jo will be convenors. Have your submissions to Christine one week before so the program can be prepared. Submissions are not limited to students preparing for Festival. Other entries are most welcome. Our next Adult recital will be at Note-able Music on Saturday, May 30th at 10:30 a.m. Doreen Laing and Linda Dickey will be convenors. Our final general recital will take place in May, hopefully in the University Recital Hall. Marilyn will look into availability.

Christine will plan a practise-a-thon fundraiser for October.

Cheryl Hudak presented information she had gathered from the Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce regarding a group benefits plan. To be eligible for such a plan, our organization would have to join the Chamber of Commerce, whose annual membership fee is \$130. A minimum of 10 members would have to participate in the group plan. Each member would be able to apply for the benefits they would like to receive. Cheryl will put together some information that will feature a few examples of different packages that are available and their cost. Please contact Cheryl if you would be interested in participating or would like more information. Her phone number is 381-1093. Corrie reported the CFMTA is also looking into a group benefits package that would be available to members.

Our annual local fees are due at the next meeting. Please bring your cheque made out to LRMTA for \$35. We usually collect our AMEF fees at the same time. The AMEF fees are optional. We encourage our members to belong to AMEF because we receive many benefits from this organization including Canada Music Week grants and the AMEF achievement awards for our students. Please consider joining AMEF. Forms are available from Christine for new members. AMEF usually sends out renewal forms in the mail. If we have 10 members join, we receive the group rate of \$20. These fees can be added to your local fees. Our branch collects the AMEF fees and writes one cheque to AMEF.

Christine and Betty Jo enjoyed lunch with the RC examiner, Aline Banno and RC rep, Lou Joss. Thanks to Betty Jo for organizing this.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 2nd at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music. Please bring your local fees--\$35 made out to LRMTA. You can include the \$20 AMEF fees on the same cheque as well.