

Minutes for February 4th, 2008

Note-able Music

Regular Items:

Welcome. Meeting was called to order by Christine. In attendance were Christine Rogers, Doreen Laing, Joan Milton, Betty Jo Radley, Alma Davies and Karen MacDonald.

A motion for the approval of the agenda was made by Karen and seconded by Betty Jo.

Approval of January minutes motioned by Doreen and seconded by Karen: Thanks to Joan Milton for taking notes.

In the absence of Corrie Christine gave us the last available figures: Savings -\$534.55; Scholarship Account \$2,477.04. Photocopy is available at the UPS store 210A-12th St. A N.

Family Concerts Association will be having a recital on the evening of April 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Southminster United Church. Call Andrew if you have students who would like to participate.

Kiwanis Festival information remains the same. Dates: April 7th-19th, 2008 adjudicators, J. Ryz, A. Bradley. Varied venues. Schedule in the works now.

ARMTA news: Karen MacDonald is the new Provincial Rep. Christine sent in our report to Tempo; Karen to send report to ARMTA prior to the Board Meeting Feb. 23rd.

AMEF news: website: www.amef.ca

Old Business/Continuing Items:

Business License update: Christine will call the Allied Arts Council for an update. Joan received her bill from the city!!

U of L connections – no news.

Christine will give a presentation to U of L students hoping to engender interest in future membership in ARMTA

A Guest artist for April recital which we will have in the University was discussed – a student from Deanna's studio was suggested.

High school Special projects credits has seen no change in status. Joan will put this matter on the agenda for the ARMTA meeting.

Bylaw Review: branch bylaws to be updated to Policies and Procedures. Marilyn and Christine will review and present them to us in a less formal format.

Donation in memory of Barb Walker to Kiwanis Festival awards:

Doreen reported that the family will donate \$2,000 and the Kiwanas have so far collected \$800. Our branch so far has \$95. These monies will be sent to the Kiwanis by Corrie and put into a "slush fund" – the interest generated is given out in the form of scholarships. It was suggested that as Barb did extensive work with the younger children perhaps the scholarship should specify a Junior participant.

We will decide branch donation amount closer to the time.

Personal donations should be made out to LRMTA.

Recitals:

Hospital Recital is no longer available—City Hall was suggested as a new venue for next year.

Festival Recital: Saturday, April 5th, 2:30 p.m. Lethbridge Public Library. Convenors: Andrew Gierulski and Maria Geppert

Adult recital: as the Sterndale Bennett fee has escalated out of reach other venues were suggested: the room at Note-able Music was our first choice and the suggested day was May 24th.

Possible APTA continuing education workshop: Doreen is arranging for Joseph Fridman to come tentatively on April 26th. We are looking at a morning Presentation (9:30 – 11:30) followed by an afternoon Masterclass (1:30 - 4:00). Still up for discussion are the fees for the event, and topics for his presentation.

Membership Campaign: Christine read us a draft letter she has prepared and collected names for a mail-out list; the letter included an invitation to our May meeting—we will decide on a possible presentation for this meeting.

New Business:

Awards Fundraising: presentation of draft donation letter written by Christine (!! – thanks Christine for all the composition !) This will be distributed to everyone we can think of in the hopes they will be generous!!

Adult get-together at Lorrie Wittke's home: Presentation by Doreen Laing: "How to make an exam/performing more enjoyable" and "Technique". Suggested date March 1st from 2 – 4 p.m. Please call her at 381-1350 if you have students that wish to participate.

Jan from Note-able gave us some info on the new RCM books. They are meant to be out around the 1st of May. They will offer teachers the individual grade packages at a discount, although RCM in the form of Frederick Harris is pushing to sell the books as a complete set! Thanks to Jan for this opportunity – it is not always practical to buy the entire set if you are only teaching a few grades. The new syllabus will be available soon, but does not come into final effect until June of 2009. Linda will arrange for a piano syllabus workshop for Fall: possible date, October 4th or 5th.

Discussion Forum: Topic to be "performing tips".

Fees: due next meeting: ARMTA \$110, LRMTA \$35, AMEF \$20

Next Meeting date: March 3rd, 2008 at Note-able Music at 9:30 a.m.

Website:

Reminders:

- bring or send names of teachers that might qualify or be interested in joining LRMTA for our membership drive mail-out
- bring personal donations (cheques made out to LRMTA) for Kiwanis Festival Award in memory of Barb Walker
- soundboard steel (for cleaning grand pianos) available