

Meeting Oct. 6th, 2008

Note-able Music

Regular Items:

The meeting was called to order by Christine. In attendance were Lorrie Wittke, Linda Dickey, Joan Milton, Betty Jo Radley, Alma Davies, Christine Rogers, Cheryl Hudak, Karen MacDonald and newcomers Lou Joss, Tamara Bowie and Amberly Steed.

Agenda was approved by Linda and Seconded by Joan.

Approval of September minutes was moved by Karen and seconded by Joan.

Treasurer's Report was given by Christine. Carol Bishel is officially our new treasurer.

A Big thank you to Corrie for his contributions as Treasurer !!

Scholarship Account - \$2,657.60 Working Account \$3,105.39

Several expenses will come out of this working account: photocopying, donation for Barb Walker, Linda's expenses for the RCM workshop etc.

Photocopying: available at the UPS store 210A-12th St. A. N.

Kiwanis Festival : dates are March 23rd-April 5th; deadline is Jan. 14th, 2009
Adjudicator so far is Teresa Allred.

ARMTA news: report on the ARMTA board meeting is forthcoming upon receipt by Karen of the minutes of the meeting. Joan reminded us of the upcoming conference the weekend of October 31 in Red deer. At this time the 2008 Alberta Provincial Round Piano Competition takes place; the winner will go on to Nationals. This conference is under the umbrella of Music Conference Alberta.

AMEF news: website: www.amef.ca

Christine collected the marks to be forwarded for awards. Our branch gave a donation to the awards program. Christine also applied for a CMW grant; this grant is to help defer expenses for Canada Music Week such as venue, printing, prizes etc.

AAC: website: www.artslethbridge.org.

Betty Jo represented us at a ceremony to unveil the Arts Council's new statue.

We gave a donation of \$50 to this to keep our name visible in the Arts Community.

RCM: Lou Joss informed us that RCM is anxious to provide workshops to communities hosting exam centres at the exam sessions January and June. She will give us more details, and we will consider what topics might work for us – it is good that RCM is reaching out to the centres.

Old Business/Continuing Items:

RCM new piano syllabus workshop for Fall was held October 4th. Linda reported that the turnout was excellent, and Dale Wheeler spoke very informatively for about 3 hours. Refreshments were served and information packages were provided by Frederick Harris.:

APTA continuing education workshop scheduled by Joseph Fridman on Nov. 8th has been cancelled due to a mix-up in arrangements. He would like to come another time.

New Business:

Corrie will continue to be in charge of ordering placks; along with any changes to the Directory or Brochures, new members or others wanting changes should let him know.

Branch Awards: Submissions should by now have been handed in to Linda; awards will be presented at our CMW recital by Christine.

- Canada Music Week Recital and awards presentation
 - Convenors: Linda Loose, Mary Lee Voort
 - November 22 @ 2:30 in the Lethbridge Library.
- Christmas recital venue still undecided. Lorrie will investigate the Good Samaritans Lodge and The View
- The adult Christmas recital will be arranged by Betty Jo and Alma, tentative date November 29 at 10:30, probably to be at Note-able's.

Awards fundraiser: a practice-a-thon was suggested for the spring.

Lorrie attended a seminar for an "Adult Piano Course" to see just what they were presenting. She gave us a detailed report on the event; not too surprisingly the claims were misrepresentative to say the least. It was interesting to hear what actually goes on at some of these "instant achievement" courses. Call Lorrie for complete update.

Future Items: performer's club

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

Website: