

Minutes of January 11th, 2010 Meeting –LRMTA

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

A special welcome to our newest member, Martha.

The agenda was approved by Linda, and seconded by Joan.

The approval of the November minutes was moved by Betty-Jo and seconded by Brenda.

Treasurer's report was given by Brenda. Operating account has a balance of \$206.80 and awards account has 3240.88 as of Nov. 30th and some checks to still come out of these accounts from our Canada Music week recital. There was \$90.72 in the basket at our recital. The silver collection was deposited in our awards account.

The photocopying account at UPS store 210-A 12St. A. N. is available for copying related to branch activities.

Kiwanis festival deadline was Jan. 8th and festival runs March 16-27th. Our branch received a thank-you from the festival for our \$50 donation to the Bea Foster scholarship. Her family also sent a note of appreciation to us.

ARMTA- you should be receiving a letter from ARMTA to renew your fees as they have changed the deadline to Feb. 28th. Please bring your form and a check to ARMTA for \$115 to our next meeting on Feb. 1st. Our branch fees of \$35 will be due at the March meeting. An AMEF membership of \$20 is optional but it is encouraged by our branch to support this worthy provincial association. LRMTA fees are due March 1st and you may write one cheque for both LRMTA and AMEF and please make it out to LRMTA.

We received cheques from AMEF for awards that were handed out at our last recital. We will also be receiving a cheque for \$75 to help with the costs of the Canada Music recital.

AAC has the event ARTSTAGE coming soon. The information will be emailed out to members.

U of L: <http://www.uleth.ca/finearts/music> (check upcoming events)

RCM representative is Lou Joss 403-328-1730. Winter exams will be running Jan. 27-29th. Betty-Jo will contact Lou and help set up a lunch with the examiner. The examiner will be Helen Hardy. Please call Betty Jo if you are interested in attending the luncheon.

Next coffee meeting will be Jan. 18th at Botanica Gardens at the Lethbridge Lodge. Please contact Betty-Jo if planning to attend so she can reserve a table.

The ARMTA bylaws are on the ARMTA website and have been all approved.

Linda Dickey is working on a Music Theory Network workshop.

The practice-a-thon had 35 students participate and 8 teachers participated. We raised \$1739 which will sustain the fund for another year but we will have to do another fundraiser in 2 years. We explored some options to increase participation next time. We may try it around festival time next. Another option is to increase our branch fees \$50 and then fundraising wouldn't be necessary. Mary-Lee wrote a personal letter to her students that was successful and shared that with us. It was sent in an email. Next time, we hope to have more participants so that we don't have to fundraise so often.

Thank-you to Karen, Isabelle and Brenda for preparing the awards for the branch in November.

Canada Music recital went well. The Lethbridge Herald printed a picture and info about our awards. The colored programs were nice and the hand sanitizer was appreciated. Thank-you to Mary-Lee and Tamara for convening.

Christmas recital was in a drop-in format. Thank-you to Marilyn for running this recital.

The December Adult recital had to be cancelled because it was the day after the big snowstorm. It is rescheduled for Feb. 6th 10:30-11:30 at Note-able Music and Brenda will convene. We need one more volunteer to help. Please contact Brenda if you have any students that will be participating.

Festival Preparation recital will be March 6th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church. Joan Milton is willing to convene but we need another volunteer to help.

Doreen will be doing a presentation about performance anxiety at our next meeting on Feb. 1st. Joan, Christine, and Tamara will participate and we would like one more volunteer to help. Please contact Doreen if you are willing to participate. We encourage as many members as possible to come to this meeting as it will be very informative.

Another possible workshop was discussed. Joan Milton's cousin, Marilyn Snyder from Montana has a variety of topics available and it would be very affordable to have her come.

LSO concert is Feb. 8th at Southminster. Glen Montgomery will be performing with the symphony. They also have their Valentines Ball on Feb. 13th.

We would like to welcome Martha Laarman. Corrie will add her info to our signboard. Renee will add her information to the website. She teaches on the Westside and her address is RR8, Site 38, Comp 0 Lethbridge AB T1J 4P4. Phone 403-329-0581 . Martha teaches, Piano, Pedagogy and Theory and her email is mcgillmusicandarts@gmail.com

Our next meeting is Monday February 1st at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music.