

Minutes of January 7, 2008 – LRMTA

Members present – Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Linda Dickey, Doreen Laing, Joan Milton.

The agenda was approved. Moved by Linda Dickey. Seconded by Betty Jo Radley.

The November minutes were approved with two amendments (Festival dates: April 7th-19th, UPS store address: 210A - 12th street A north). Moved by Doreen, and seconded by Linda Dickey.

There was no treasurer's report.

Festival dates April 7 - 19, 2008. Deadline for registration is January 23, 2008.

LRMTA news: As Board rep Karen will need to submit a report to Susan Bawol for the February 23 meeting in Red Deer. Also Bettijo Smith would like something from the branches for the *Tempo* – to be submitted by February 1st.

Christine will check with Deanna Oye into the possibility of a presentation to University students regarding our branch and will look into the possibility of a University student as a guest performer at our April 5th recital.

Donations in memory of Barbara Walker: Our branch will be making a donation which will be combined with other donations to establish a Kiwanis Festival award in memory of Barb Walker. **Members are invited to bring personal donations to the February meeting. Please make cheques out to LRMTA.** If you know of others who might be interested in contributing, please let them know that this opportunity is available.

Christine will approach Marilyn and see if she would like to work with her on rewriting our branch bylaws which will now be called Policies and Procedures.

Recitals: Members relayed positive feedback on the Canada Music Week Recital. Over \$90 was collected in the silver collection and one family made a \$100 donation to our awards fund. The adult recital at McKillop was very successful. It was suggested that it be held earlier next December so that students will have a chance to perform before their teachers' recitals. The Hospital will no longer be available for recitals--too much noise and blocking of walkways. We will need to decide on a new venue or format for next year. The next recital will be April 5th at the Library – convenors are Andrew and Maria. Christine passed around the Lethbridge Herald article about our Canada Music Week recital and Awards Presentation. It was well received and thought to be very good publicity.

Doreen will look into the possibility of an APTA continuing education workshop at the end of April or beginning of May.

Membership campaign: We will be doing an information mail out to try to increase our membership. Please bring the names (addresses and phone numbers if available) of any teachers you know of that might be qualified or interested in becoming members (former members too!) Please bring these names to the February meeting or send them by e-mail to Christine. We will invite prospective members to attend our May meeting at which we will offer a special presentation. We will decide on presentation topics at the February meeting.

Christine passed around a number of thank you cards from students regarding the awards presentation.

RCM will be offering a workshop regarding the new piano syllabus. Linda Dickey has agreed to be our contact. We will try for Oct 4 or 5th.

The RC examiner lunch will take place January 23, 24 or 25th. Betty Jo will be in touch with RC rep Lou Joss to see which date will be the best.

Fundraising Ideas: It was suggested that a donation request letter be available for teachers to give to parents and students. Christine will draft a letter to present at the next meeting.

Lorrie Wittke has offered her home for adult get-togethers – Friday evening, Saturday or Sunday afternoons. Christine will see which dates in February will work for Lorrie. Doreen offered to give an informal presentation on technique and making exams/performances more enjoyable.

Because of April 7th being the first day of the Kiwanis Festival our April meeting will be held March 31st. Christine will check with Jan on the availability of Note-able.

We had an interesting discussion forum on beginner methods. Christine will circulate notes.

The Music Conservatory is hosting a “Music for Kids” concert on January 18 at 6:30 pm in the Recital Hall. The concert is open to all students and is free

Next meeting will be February 4, 2008 – Note-able Music at 9:30 a.m.