Minutes of September 13, 2011 LRMTA

Attending:

Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Brenda Lockmuller, Doreen Laing, Linda Dickey, Marilyn Sinclair, Joan Milton, and welcome to a prospective new member Lydia Collin.

Thanks to Christine for inviting us to her home for the first meeting of the season.

Joan Milton offered to take minutes for this meeting.

Approval of May minutes – moved by Brenda, seconded by Linda

Treasurer's report. Thanks to auditors Cheryl Hudak, Joan Milton

Brenda will give a full report at next meeting as she has not had the books for a couple of months due to the auditing.

Kiwanis Festival: Doreen reported Festival runs from March 19 – 31, 2012

ARMTA news: after the ARMTA Board/AGM meeting in Canmore September 10, 2011

Priscilla King of Calgary is President; Karen McDonald will be the new vice-president. Judith Ammann - past president.

ARMTA fee increase for next year. \$125 early bird by Feb. 28th, and \$135 after. Cheques can be dated March 31st.

Website Shared Hosting: ARMTA provincial is able to host unlimited websites for no additional hosting fees. This means that other branches could eliminate website hosting fee from their budget. The branches would only be responsible for their domain name registration. For example if Lethbridge wanted to be hosted under the Provincial account, Lethbridge would still have the name www.armta-lethbridge.com. But pay nothing for the hosting. They would only pay to register their name each year. Edmonton branch is already doing this.

New Tempo editor: Melissa Lacroix - morelacroix@gmail.com

CATC – Children's Arts Tax Credit. An ARMTA information form for parents is being developed and will be circulated when completed.

Joan Milton will be the Provincial Rep for the next term. Hopefully an LRMTA member will be able to assume the role by Fall/2012. Please seriously consider serving our branch in this capacity.

U. of L. Link to Music Dept. many upcoming events.

Brenda Commented on the positive experience her son had with a recent Basic Rudiments course at the U of L. Contact the Conservatory for more information: Breanne Fuller 329-2304.

Christine asked for members to take a bit of time to look at the Policies and Procedures as circulated with changes. As set up by Christine, and contributed to by Brenda, Tamara, and Joan. They will be voted on at the next AGM in April.

Next coffee meeting; hosted by Betty Jo – Monday September 19th – Round Street cafe – 9:30 a.m.

Performer's club – date to be confirmed with Linda Davies.

Branch awards submission form – Thanks to Brenda for this new form which is all inclusive for students eligible to receive awards at our CMW recital in November. This will be circulated by email. Please contact Christine if you need a hard copy.

Teacher referral for Elementary Schools – Tamara will make up a more general handout for submission to the various elementary schools in Lethbridge. Betty Jo, Doreen and Cheryl have volunteered to help with deliveries to the schools.

Piano Class Festival: A few teachers would like to see changes in the programming and timing of the classes. This is something that perhaps Karen could speak to at one of our meetings.

APTA Conference: September 23, 24th in Canmore at the Radisson. A wonderful opportunity to hear first class clinicians.

Advertising: Brenda questioned about the lack of exposure LRMTA teachers receive and wondered about Yellow Pages advertising. Brenda will check out details regarding cost.

Tamara Bowie will look into the possibility of a workshop pertaining to recording devices, music studio software – possibly for a Saturday a.m. in January.

Dates of recitals:

November 26 – 2:30 p.m. - CMW – McKillop – awards recital.

Dec. 17 – Christmas student drop in- 10:30 – at Betty Jo's Studio. Adult get-together to follow at 11:30 a.m.

Other Tentative recital dates:

Festival recital – March 10 – Saturday Library to be confirmed

Adult get-together June 2nd 10:30 - 11:30 at Betty Jo's studio followed by a run through recital at 11:30 for students doing exams etc.

May recital – U Of L. To be confirmed with Deanna.

The next meeting will be Monday, October 3rd at 9:30 a.m. tentatively set for Norman and Company: Suite #301, 402-2nd Ave. S. If unavailable Brenda will host the meeting at her home at 1220-8th Ave. S. Please check email and phone messages to confirm location.