

Minutes for Monday, October 1st, 2012

Welcome/Meeting called to order/Attendance – Joan Milton, Christine Rogers, Doreen Laing, Kate LaRocque, Karen MacDonald, Linda Dickey, Betty Jo Radley, Marilyn Sinclair, Cheryl Hudak

Agenda approval: Moved by Joan, seconded by Karen.

Approval of September minutes: Thanks to Kate for taking notes for the minutes. The minutes were adopted as circulated. Moved by Kate, seconded by Joan.

Treasurer's Report: Brenda was unable to attend. It was noted that a replacement is needed for Brenda as treasurer. Please consider offering to perform this important service for our group.

Kiwanis Festival March 11-23, 2013 - senior piano adjudicator is Edwin Gndt. Doreen commented that it would be nice if there were more piano awards available for the Kiwanis Festival.

ARMTA news: *Tempo* Submissions can be made to Melissa Lacroix: morelacroix@gmail.com
The deadlines are Nov. 1st and March 1st. The ARMTA conference is October 19th-21st in conjunction with the Honens Piano Competition. ARMTA Annual General Meeting is Saturday October 20 (more info available in *Tempo*).

Christine received a form for room booking requests for the new Community Arts Centre. Neither she nor Betty Jo can make the information meeting at the Bowman on Oct. 11th, 7 p.m. so Christine will phone the contact, Claire Hatton.

It was decided to check into Monday, October 15th for the next Coffee Meeting/Performer's Club at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Davies' home at 1260 5th Ave S. (not 5A Ave.) Betty Jo will confirm and Christine will send out a notice. **Please Note: Linda Davies is out of town on Monday, October 15th. Betty Jo will try to rearrange for Thursday, October 18th.** Christine will send out confirmation by email.

Christine will contact Corrie about Kate's nameplates and refilling the brochures in the sign board holders.

Recitals: Betty Jo passed the banner on to Marilyn for the next recital. Christine will order pencils for the Canada Music Week recital. (We usually give out pencils to each performer.) The branch awards will be presented at the conclusion of the Canada Music Week recital. The following are the upcoming recital details:

- Saturday, November 24th, 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church: Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation; Convenors: Brenda and Marilyn. Please submit students' names for the performance to Brenda or Marilyn at least one week before the recital. Students are encouraged to perform pieces by Canadian composers, but if students wish to perform other repertoire, they are more than welcome to participate.

- Saturday, December 15th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Christmas drop in program at Betty Jo's studio; Convenors Lorrie and Kate
- Saturday, December 15th, 11:00 a.m. until noon, Adult Get-together at Betty Jo's studio following Christmas drop in program.
- Saturday, March 2nd, 2:30 p.m. Festival preparation recital tentatively set for Library
- May/June: adult student activity: date and location to be decided
- May/June: optional year-end general recital at University: Convenors: Lorrie Wittke and Joan Milton

Teaching Availability: The following are the names of teachers still accepting students. If you receive calls and cannot accommodate the students yourself, please recommend the below teachers. If anyone else is still accepting students, please let Christine know and she will circulate your name as well.

- Karen MacDonald
- Betty Jo Radley
- Isabelle Slater
- Kate LaRocque
- Joan Milton
- Doreen Laing (Kelly Kirby students as well as either 2 spots for students grade 5-7 or 1 spot for grade 8 and above)

Branch Awards: First Class Honors marks are due. They will be accepted until the end of the week (October 6th). Contact either Tamara Bowie (327-2918) or Joan Milton (327-0012). Thank you to Tamara and Joan for agreeing to disburse the awards.

Fundraiser for Awards Account: After discussion it was decided to hold a Practise-a-thon from Feb. 4th-9th, 2013. Prizes will be awarded for most time practised and most money raised. The grand prize award, for the most money raised, a \$100 gift card from Future Shop, was motioned by Doreen, seconded by Linda. Christine will purchase. Practice-a-thon packages will be available for the January meeting. All teachers are encouraged to participate. We will be soliciting other prizes of gift cards and concert tickets from Long and McQuade, the Music Court, the Lethbridge Symphony and the University of Lethbridge. If you have any other suggestions, contact Christine. More information will be circulated in the coming weeks.

Betty Jo arranges group activities for her students once a month. On October 27th at 3:30 p.m. in her studio, she will be holding a duet activity for her students to try out Christmas duets. If you have any questions or would like to have any of your students participate, please call Betty Jo at 329-1655. Thanks to Betty Jo for this offer.

Linda Dickey, Doreen Laing and Joan Milton reported on the great experience they had at the recent APTA conference they attended and encouraged all members to consider attending in the future.

Next Meeting date: Long and McQuade, November 5th, 2012, 10.00 a.m.