

Hi all:

Here is an update after our October meeting. Please consider this update as the minutes. Present: Christine Rogers, Betty Jo Radley, Joan Milton, Brenda Lockmuller, Alma Davies, Cheryl Hudak, Marilyn Sinclair, Lorrie Wittke

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your continued support and contribution to our branch! Thanks to Brenda Lockmuller for hosting the meeting at her husband's law office.

Please make sure you read the item regarding discussion of branch fee increase at the next meeting.

- Thanks to Marilyn Sinclair and Joan Milton for agreeing to disburse our branch awards this year. They will be handing out approximately \$1100 to our highest first class honors marks in theory and practical. Please have your forms to Joan Milton (in her mailbox is fine) no later than **October 15th**. Her address is 2310-22nd St. S. (near the Enmax Centre). Call her at 403-327-0012 if needed. I have attached the form once more if needed.
- Thanks to Brenda Lockmuller for taking notes at the meeting
- Treasurer's report: \$815.58 in operating account; \$3864.52 in awards account. Brenda handed out LRMTA fee receipts. If you were not at the meeting you may pick yours up at the next meeting or call Brenda to make arrangements. Joan Milton moved the report be adopted, Betty Jo seconded.
- CFMTA has designated October as CFMTA awareness month. Our "Branching Out" activity will be a walk at Henderson Lake on Thursday, October 20th. We will meet by the cannons on the east side of the Lake near the Exhibition at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! In case of rain we will meet for coffee at the Good Earth Cafe in Fairway Plaza between Safeway and McDonalds. Please check your email before your leave in case the weather is rainy. Because of this activity there will be no coffee morning this month.
- Please consider writing an article for Tempo on a workshop you have attended, a book you have read, or a teaching tip. Next deadline for submission is Nov. 1st
- Because of restructuring of AMEF policies, AMEF is no longer able to grant us funds because we do not have charitable status. After discussion it was decided that as a branch we would not renew our group membership next year. Members are still welcome to sign up individually if they wish to continue to support AMEF.
- Thanks to Betty Jo who will attend an information evening regarding the new Community Arts Facility on Wednesday, October 19th at 7 p.m.
- Thanks to Renee for updating our website. She is pursuing a link with ARMTA that will eliminate our hosting fee.
- Our next performer's club is set for Thursday, November 17th at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Linda Davies.
- Tamara has drafted a leaflet which can be distributed to elementary school music teachers for referrals. Permission must be gained from both public and separate school board offices before these can be distributed in the schools.
- Brenda presented information on possible advertising for our branch in the Yellow Pages. Other suggestions were to advertise in the Leisure Guide (Brenda will also look into this) and the "Sign Me Up" insert for the Lethbridge Herald in the Fall. (Betty reported that 1/8 of a page is \$200.) **Please note: we will be discussing a possible branch fee increase from \$35 to \$45 to cover increased advertising for our branch at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend but would like to share your viewpoint, please make sure you contact me before the next meeting.**
- Our Canada Music Week recital will be Saturday, Nov. 26th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop Church. Our branch awards will also be presented. Brenda Lockmuller and Marilyn Sinclair will be convenors. Please submit the names of those students who wish to perform at least one week prior.
- Our next meeting will be November 7th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Renee Werenka at 331 Mt. Sundial Court on the west side. We will send directions and (hopefully a map) before the meeting.

Thanks very much.

Christine