

Minutes for Monday, September 10th, 2012

Long and McQuade

Welcome/Meeting called to order/Attendance (Betty Jo, Joan, Christine, Tamara, Brenda, Cheryl, Lorrie, Doreen, Marilyn, Kate, Linda Dickey)

Agenda approval (Doreen, Tamara)

Approval of May minutes: Thanks to Kate (Brenda, Joan)

Treasurer's Report (Brenda): thanks to Joan Milton for auditing the books during the summer. Tamara will check with her husband to see if he will do a second audit for us. Brenda presented her annual financial report. Thanks to Brenda for keeping us in good order. Cheryl moved to accept the report, Doreen seconded. We plan to spend \$1100-1300 for our upcoming branch awards so it was recommended that we do a Practise-a-thon this year.

Kiwanis Festival: March 11th-23rd, 2013

ARMTA news: *Tempo* Submissions can be made to Melissa Lacroix: morelacroix@gmail.com The deadlines are Nov. 1st and March 1st. If you haven't already seen it, Kate LaRocque submitted an article about adjustable footstools for younger students in the most recent *Tempo*. Thanks to Kate! Log on to the ARMTA website to view. 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*).

Brenda volunteered to put the new membership poster up at the Allied Arts Council Office. Thanks to Brenda.

Our next Coffee Meeting/Performer's Club is tentatively planned for Thursday, October 18 at 9:30 AM @ Linda Davies' house. Betty Jo will confirm this with Linda. If you are interested and plan to attend, please call Betty Jo or Linda.

Old Business/Continuing Items:

Directory/Brochure/Signboards (Corrie): Christine will contact Corrie and ask him about Kate's nameplates as well as refilling the pamphlets at the music stores.

Advertising Update: Please keep track of where student calls come from so we can decide which advertising opportunities are best for us. We currently have a yellow pages ad as well as an ad on Kijiji. Kate will keep tabs on our Kijiji ad so that after the "top ad" expires we won't have to keep paying. Brenda's phone number will remain on the Kijiji add as a contact number. We made arrangements to be included in the Leisure Guide during the summer. Thanks to Doreen for her help in arranging this. The "Sign Me Up" insert may not be as expensive as we were first quoted. We will check this out again in April and May next year to see if it will work for us.

Recitals: (Betty Jo)

- Canada Music Week recital and awards presentation will be on Saturday, November 24th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church. The convenors will be Brenda Lockmuller and Marilyn Sinclair
- December 15th at 9:30/11:00 at Betty Jo's (Lorrie & Kate): Christmas recital and adult get-together will be December 15th, 9:30 until noon at Betty Jo's studio. Lorrie and Kate will be convenors. The student Christmas drop-in program will be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Adult get-together will follow from 11:00 a.m. until noon.
- The Festival Preparation Recital has been tentatively set for Saturday, March 2nd at 2:30 p.m. Betty Jo will check into the availability of the Public Library.
- May/June: Adult student get-together will be finalized closer to the date
- May/June year end recital is planned for the University Recital Hall. Lorrie Wittke will be one of the convenors. She will check with Deanna Oye closer to the date about availability. Another convenor will be needed.

Piano Class Festival (Karen, Marilyn): feedback – Comments were as follows. Students, parents and teachers enjoyed Jessie Plessis, but he takes too long. Scheduling is always an issue, having a schedule board helps. More volunteers are needed to act as greeter, secretary and for keeping a board updated as to which class and which student is currently performing. Home Schooled students were suggested for volunteers.

New Business:

Annual handouts are available. Contact Christine if you need anything.

Kate LaRocque's new address: 45 Coachwood Road West Lethbridge, AB T1K 6B7
Corrie Hausauer's new address: 906 - 8th Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 1P4.

Branch Awards: First class Honors marks are due at the October meeting. Please use the branch submission for all entries. Tamara will be part of the Awards committee. It was suggested that Joan Milton might help Tamara since she hasn't done it before. Christine will check with Joan.

It was decided to plan for a Practise-a-thon for February as a fundraiser. Christine would appreciate any help with organizing, including copying, putting together packages for teachers, soliciting prizes and counting money and determining prizes. Please contact her if you are willing to help in any way. Christine will have more information at the October meeting.

Professional Development: A discussion followed concerning opportunities for masterclasses and workshops for our branch. Brenda suggested video conferencing, especially the possibility of the RCM professional development sessions, since the closest venue for those is in Calgary. Lorrie offered to look into the possibility.

Next Meeting date: Long and McQuade, October 1st, 2012, 10.00 a.m.

Reminders: 1st Class Honors marks for branch awards for October meeting

