

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday, Oct. 7th, 2002

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 10 members present.

The agenda was reviewed. There were two additions under new business: g) Family Concerts Association and h) business cards. Linda Dickey moved the acceptance of the agenda with amendments. Seconded by Joan Milton. Carried.

Christine read the minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were adopted as read. Doreen Laing seconded. Carried.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in our savings account (scholarship) is \$1046.45. There was a donation of \$500 in response to our scavenger hunt from a family (Michael Chong) that takes lessons from Betty Jo. The balance in our chequing account is \$383.25. The money from the Great Human Race (about \$300) is still forthcoming. Phil Smerek's donation to ARMTA of the \$90 fee was returned to our branch by ARMTA. Joan Milton will write a thank you to Phil. Betty Jo moved the report be adopted as read. Seconded by Barb Hignell. Carried.

We have a few prospective new members. Christine will print a new directory after their applications have been approved. Alma Davies has returned and is once again a member. Welcome back to Alma. Her phone number is 758-6796. Her address is Box 328 Magrath, AB T0K 1J0.

Christine reported that Rebecca Moeller at 327-4740 has a Thomas Playmate organ to give away to someone that will make good use of it.

Corrie and Christine reported on the Scavenger Hunt. Only 6 carloads participated. We collected \$150. Corrie and Christine will decide about the prizes. A number of suggestions followed during discussion:

- try a different day and time:
 - Friday night in the Spring
 - Sunday afternoon
 - Saturday afternoon
- include more cadenza activities
- lower price \$15 or \$20
- Mall location as registration place or have scavenger hunt take place in a mall
- collect parts of a piece or puzzle and have to put them together at the end
- bigger prizes: possibly have branch members make a donation toward a CD player
- food for participants after they have completed scavenger hunt

Lorrie reported on business licenses. She presented a draft letter that could be sent to music teachers asking for support. She will make revisions and make contact with the Chamber of Commerce.

The Brian Black workshop will take place on **Oct. 19th from 1-4 p.m. at Note-able Music**. The fees for the workshop will be \$15 regular price and \$10 for seniors/students. The workshop is called **"Putting Romance Back in Your Music."** Christine will pick up juice boxes and napkins and Doreen will pick up donut holes for refreshments. Marilyn, Doreen and Linda will collaborate on an article reporting on the workshop for the Music Alberta Magazine.

We will continue to look into arrangements for CFMTA coffee break/session.

Lorrie will write a short reply to the letter received from Total Music.

Doreen will check back with Chapters and see if they will display our old signboard.

Our **Canada Music Week recital will be Sunday, November 17th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church**. Marilyn and Mary Lee will be the convenors. Call Marilyn with names. Mary Lee will take care of pencils for the participants.

Lorrie will arrange for a massage therapy presentation for our November meeting.

Andrew's wife Maria Geppert has applied to become a member of ARMTA. We look forward to having her join our branch.

Lorrie Wittke is trying to coordinate a workshop with the U of L featuring Dr. Rosalyn Soo Mauldin, a native of Calgary who is interested in coming to Southern Alberta to do recitals, workshops, festivals or masterclasses. We will continue to look into the matter.

Corrie gave the AMEF report. He will write a letter in support of the Alberta Heritage Music Project. Feb. 1st is the deadline for application for professional development grants. The website address is:

www.armtaedmonton.ab.ca

Teresa Allred (ARMTA president) would like to visit our branch. Members are asked to think of any questions or concerns they might like her to address.

Corrie reported on an advertising opportunity for small businesses in the Lethbridge Herald.

Family Concerts Association report and business cards will be tabled to the next meeting.

Margaret Nelson is selling off some of her music. Call her at 327-4736 if you are interested.

Our next meeting will be **Monday November 4th, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music**.

Highlights and Reminders

- we now have a **"copy card" at Staples**. Any member of LRMTA can use it. **Members must initial their purchases. This is to be used only for copies related to branch business.**

- our website address is:

<http://larmta.hypermart.net>

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- Doreen's e-mail is:

d188keys@telus.net

- Alma Davies' phone number is 758-6796. Her address is Box 328 Magrath, AB T0K 1J0.

Next Month's Agenda

Regular items

- minutes
- treasurer's report
- Family Concerts Association

Continuing items

- business license update: form letter; Chamber of Commerce
- sponsoring CFMTA coffee break or session
- Brian Black workshop Oct. 19th feedback
- Total Music letter: Lorrie
- old sign board
- massage therapy presentation
- possible Rosalyn Soo Mauldin workshop

Other items

- recital sign-up sheet: still need a few volunteers
- Canada Music Week Recital: Nov. 17th
- report on World Pedagogy Conference: Linda and Doreen
- committee to organize awards for Feb. recital