

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday Feb. 3, 2003

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 11 members present.

The agenda was reviewed and adopted with additions. Under new business: 7b) Kiwanis Festival, 7c) Royal Conservatory policy updates, 7d) Piano Class Festival. Linda Dickey seconded the changes in the agenda. Carried.

Christine read the minutes of January's meeting. Betty Jo Radley seconded. Carried. **Minutes will now be sent to every member not just those who miss meetings.**

Christine brought up the question of nameplates for new members. Since there is a set up charge at the Rehab Society every time plates are made, it was suggested we do all of them at once and have our branch cover the set up fee. Corrie will check into whether or not the new members have paid their registration fees in full and will gather their information for the plates.

Corrie gave the treasurer's report. The balance in our savings account (scholarship) is \$1485.89. The balance in our chequing account is \$320.56. We have not yet received the \$1000 for our scholarship account from 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union. The treasurer's report was adopted as read. Seconded by Linda Dickey. Carried.

Lorrie has arranged for a Global Noonhour interview with Mark Campbell on Thursday at the Public Library at 10:00 a.m. Lorrie and Christine will be interviewed to promote our upcoming awards recital. A representative from 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union will be invited. Two piano students will play as background music during the interview.

Plans were finalized for the **general recital and awards presentation on Saturday, February 8th at 2:30 p.m. at the Public Library.** Lorrie Wittke and Rina Lichtenwald are the convenors.

Doreen and Linda have allotted the award money. The award winners will be printed on a sheet to be distributed at the recital.

A representative from 1st Choice Savings and Credit Union will be invited to hand out the awards at the recital. Lorrie and Rina will make the final arrangements and have the program approved. The 3 private donors (including the anonymous donor) will be acknowledged in the program. A thank you card with a stamped envelope will be included with each award so that the recipients can easily write a thank you to 1st Choice Savings.

Lorrie reported on the business license issue. Lorrie, Christine and Linda met with Mayor Tarleck last week. They asked that City Council create a music educator's certificate for home-based music teachers rather than including them with regular business licenses. This would follow a format similar to what is now used in Red Deer. The Mayor said he would gather some information from the mayor of Red Deer and asked Lorrie to call him this week. Discussion followed.

Lorrie also reported that she had talked to the City licensing officer. After the next warning letter those individuals not paying the business license fees will be ticketed with a fine.

It was suggested that as part of the music educator's certificate, the City compile a list of licensed teachers that could be made available to newcomers to the Lethbridge and possibly displayed on the City's website.

Marilyn reported that at the last Southern Alberta Piano Teacher's meeting, many members said they would support a new lower license fee that would include having the City compile a list of licensed music teachers in the city.

Lorrie asked members to talk to teachers not in our organization and see if they would also support a lower license fee as part of an education certificate. Members are to bring this information to the next meeting or call Lorrie.

Doreen and Linda gave a presentation on their recent trip to the World Pedagogy Conference in Las Vegas.

Betty Jo reported that Darryl Frank will be available later in the spring to do a tuning presentation. She will check to see if he can come to our May or June meeting.

Lorrie reported on a letter she received from Matt Thys accusing her of telling a customer she could get a better deal on a piano elsewhere than Total Music. Linda Dickey received a similar letter from Matt Thys. A number of members received phone calls from a Chris Miles who apparently was looking for a piano teacher for her grandchildren from Fort McMurray. She also asked for recommendations for buying a piano. After some discussion members decided that we would not respond to the letters because of their accusatory nature and the suspicious circumstances regarding the phone calls from Chris Miles. Members were cautioned about possible future calls.

Andrew reported that the next Family Concerts performance will take place on Friday, February 14th at the Lakeview Bible Church at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 per person, \$5 for 12 and under, and \$15 for a family. The recital features each piece twice; once in its original version and once in an arrangement. The next Family Concerts performance will be March 28th and will feature students preparing for the Kiwanis Festival. Contact Andrew if you might have students that could play.

Next followed a discussion regarding upcoming recitals. The Festival preparation recital will be **Saturday, March 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church**. Lorrie will convene with Betty Jo Radley. The Pop/Duet recital will be May 10th at Note-able Music. The Adult recital is set for Saturday, June 7th at 10:30 a.m. at the Sterndale Bennett. Betty Jo and Lorrie will be the convenors. These recitals will be confirmed at upcoming meetings. The question was raised as to whether or not there is a need for the final general recital. Most members have their own end-of-the-year recitals and it is difficult to find a time between the end of the Piano Class Festival and the beginning of exams. Members that are interested in having students play in a final general recital are urged to contact Lorrie so a decision can be made as to whether or not to have a final recital this year.

Just a reminder: Members are encouraged to sign up to convene one recital a year.

The Kiwanis Festival will be held March 31st-April 12th. Piano adjudicators are Milton Schlosser, Teresa Allred and Audrey Reynolds. Doreen reported that because of Alberta's centennial in 2005, the Festival committee is looking for adjudicators that have gone through the Festival system. Suggested piano adjudicators include Dale Bartlett, Richard Coombes, Jeffrey Calman, and Edwin Gmandt.

Doreen reported on two articles in the most recent RC Music Matters. Money from RESP's (Registered Education Savings Plan) can now be used to pay for lessons and examinations at the Grade 9, 10 and ARCT level. (We plan to send this information to City Council.) Also, Doreen encouraged members to review the policy update regarding rules for ARCT partial exams and supplemental exams.

The Piano Class Festival dates are May 12th-16th and May 20th-23rd. The deadline is April 15th. The adjudicator will be Bente Hansen.

Our next meeting will be March 3rd, 2003 at 9:30 a.m. at Note-able Music.

Highlights and Reminders

- Our copy card at Staples is available for photocopies related to branch business. Members must initial their purchases.
- Our website address is: <http://larmta.hypermart.net>
- All members are urged to send their own letters or e-mails to the Mayor and City Council regarding the licensing issue. Members are also asked to encourage parents and any other interested parties to send letters or e-mails to City Council supporting our cause regarding the licensing issue.
- Family Concerts performance will take place on February 14th at the Lakeview Bible Church at 7:00 p.m. entitled "Once is NOT enough"
- General recital and awards presentation on Saturday, February 8th at 2:30 p.m. at the Public Library.

Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business license update
 - CFMTA conference money: \$300 for 2005
 - old sign board
 - Rosalyn Soo Mauldin workshop
 - Awards recital report
 - New members' signboard plates
 - Darryl Frank presentation on tuning
- Other items
 - decide whether or not to have a final general recital
 - Nominating committee for Annual General Meeting in April
 - Annual fees due end of March
 - Piano Class Festival deadline: April 15th
 - April meeting date change because of Kiwanis Festival