

Minutes LRMTA Meeting, Monday February 2nd, 2004

Lorrie Wittke brought the meeting to order in the recital hall at Note-able Music. There were 12 members present.

Doreen Laing moved the acceptance of the agenda with one change under business arising from the minutes: 6G) AMEF/ARMTA relationship. Seconded by Marilyn Sinclair. Carried.

Marilyn Sinclair moved that the minutes of our January meeting be accepted as circulated. Corrie Hausauer seconded. Carried.

Corrie gave the Treasurer's report. Our Chequing account balance is \$203.99 and our Scholarship account is \$2740.71. Corrie reported that he was contacted about reissuing a lost awards cheque for this year's awards. After discussion Marilyn Sinclair moved to amend last month's motion to include the following: **Beginning with the 2004 awards, any cheque not cashed within 6 months will not be re-issued. Lost cheques will be replaced within the six month limit, for the amount of the award less the bank fee for stopping payment on the original cheque.** The amendment was seconded by Joan Milton. Carried. Linda Loose moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Betty Jo Radley. Carried.

Our February 7th recital is set for the Library. Wednesday, February 4th is the deadline for sending Rina the names. If there are fewer than 10 students registered the recital will be cancelled. The CD's left over from the practise-a-thon prizes could possibly be used as door prizes.

Our Pop/Duet recital is set for Saturday, May 8th at 2:30 p.m. at McKillop United Church.

Doreen reported on the most recent Kiwanis Festival meeting. Festival secretary Linda Bayley will be retiring from her position at the end of this year. No one has volunteered to replace her as of yet. Once again Festival programs will be \$10. This fee will include admission to all festival classes. Members discussed concerns about the festival including parking and pre-grade one classes. Doreen will take our concerns to the committee.

Our **March 13th recital is booked for the Public Library at 11:00 a.m.** Lorrie and Betty Jo are the convenors. Lorrie will take the names. Please note the time change. The Library was unavailable in the afternoon.

Andrew reported that the Family Concert planned for February 7th has been cancelled because of scheduling conflicts for some of the performers. He will keep us posted.

Members briefly discussed the recent January RC exams. Some members felt that the marks were low.

Lorrie reminded members that we will be required to contribute \$300 toward CFMTA 2005. It was suggested that proceeds from our portion of the Great Human Race go toward CFMTA. Lorrie will approach Mary Lee and see if she will represent our branch on May 8th in Edmonton.

Corrie reported that ARMTA president Betti-Jo Smith is willing to come to one of our meetings and answer questions and address concerns. Corrie will look into this. He also reported on recent AMEF/ARMTA budgeting concerns and asked for feedback. Members were generally agreed that a more balanced approach to funding for ARMTA be implemented.

Lorrie asked members to think about possibly working toward a closer relationship between our branch and the University of Lethbridge.

Alma Davies asked about tax deductions for exam fees. Corrie will look into the details including RESP withdrawals for exam and lesson fees. He will report back at the next meeting.

Rina Lichtenwald reported that she is thinking about the possibility of a summer lunch hour recital series at Southminster and was wondering if our branch was interested in performing during one of the recitals.

Members are encouraged to check out our website for information. It is constantly being updated. Contact Corrie about items you think might be of interest to other members.

The meeting was adjourned. **Our next meeting will be Monday, March 1st 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: **lrmta.tymely.com**
- Pencils are available for students who participated in the practise-a-thon. If you were unable to pick up the pencils for your students at the November meeting, call Corrie at 380-6808.

- Raffle ticket books are available for CFMTA's quilt raffle. Contact Joan Milton at 327-0012 if you are interested.
- if you have any questions regarding our new website or have any information to update contact: **Kim Tymeson at Tymely Technical Solutions at 327-7988 or email: ktymeson@shaw.ca**
- Linda Loose and Rina Lichtenwald will be convenors for the February 7th General Recital at 2:30 p.m. at the Library. Contact Rina at 380-6135 to register students.
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Next Month's Agenda

- Regular items
 - minutes
 - treasurer's report
 - Family Concerts Association
- Continuing items
 - business licenses
 - CFMTA conference money: \$300 for 2005
 - old sign board
 - Rosalyn Soo Mauldin workshop
 - practise-a-thon (pencils for participants)
 - Nathene Arthur cultural project
 - workshops
 - upcoming recitals
 - tax and RESP deductions for exam and lesson fees (Corrie)
- New items
 - Nominating Committee for Annual General Meeting
 - Local and Provincial fees
 - fundraiser for next year: possible teacher's recital